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Bay-Wave school Family Night set

The Bay St. Louis-Waveland Schools District will celebrate District Family Night today at Second Street Elementary with a program on "How to diffuse the anger," from 6-7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

BHS b-ball car wash Saturday

The Bay High School basketball boosters will host a car wash this Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Shell station on Main St. and Hwy. 90.

Lakeshore Youth host yard sale

Lakeshore Baptist Youth will host a yard sale this Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 6915 Lower Bay Rd.

Scholarships

Any high school junior girl who lives in Hancock is invited to a meeting Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m. in the Kiln Library to participate in the Hancock County Junior Miss Scholarship Program.

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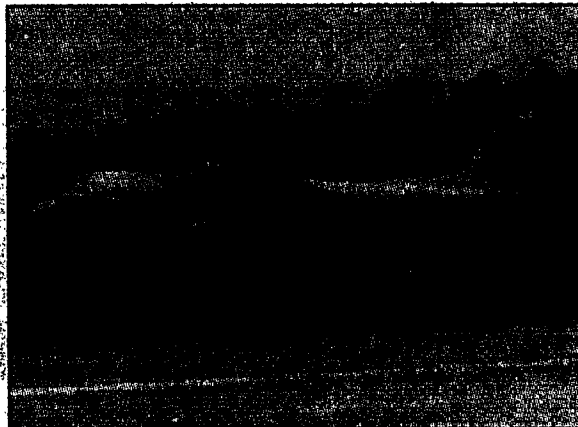
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Feelin' Jumpy



Special Boat Unit 20, a branch of the U.S. Navy SEALs from Norfolk, Va., spent the past two weeks at Stennis International Airport in Kiln, practicing special-operations jumps from a C-130 aircraft. The unit regularly uses the airport for training and plans to return in the fall.



Echo Staff Photos by Bennie Shallbetter

Which way do we go?

Court of public opinion mixed on Court Street direction change

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Is the new one-way sign on Court St. a pain or a blessing. The street in Bay St. Louis, a previously two-way street, was recently made into a one-way.

The opinions of the people working on Court St. is mixed. But in spite of varying opinions, most everyone agrees that with cars continuing to go both ways, the street may be more of a menace now than it was as a recognized two-way street.

Bay St. Louis Police Chief Frank McNeil said officers will continue to issue warnings for a while to let people get in the habit of going the right way. He also

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Deputies net 30 pounds of dope

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Would-be drug runners in Hancock County lately seem to be having no dog-gone luck — due at least in part to Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber's new Narcotics Division and some drug-sniffing dogs.

Deputies on Sunday made another

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Hancock unlikely to leave GRPC

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Will Hancock follow Harrison County's actions and withdraw its support of the Gulf Regional Planning Commission?

County Administrator Tim Kellar said he doesn't think the Board of Supervisors will follow suit. Kellar said the county has enjoyed a long association with the planning agency, and consultant Jeff Loftus has worked closely with the board to land thousands of dollars in federal and state funds for Hancock County.

In fact, Kellar said, Hancock County might fare better by staying in the GRPC. "We always felt the commission and

Taylor were under the thumbs of Harrison County leaders," said Kellar. He said he had been part of past delegations lobbying

Washington officials for money for several projects, but it was Harrison County, which usually came away with the lion's share of money that came down from the federal government.

"We never spoke as a unified voice. The emphasis was always on Harrison County," said Kellar.

The Harrison County Board of Supervisors voted Monday to withdraw from its \$60,000-per-year contract with the GRPC. The decision came less than a week after 10



Tim Kellar
Hancock County Clerk

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'Lift every voice'



Students from Second Street Elementary in Bay St. Louis use sign language to sing Tuesday in celebration of Black History Month.

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Regional, world economic impact of Stennis Space Center

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

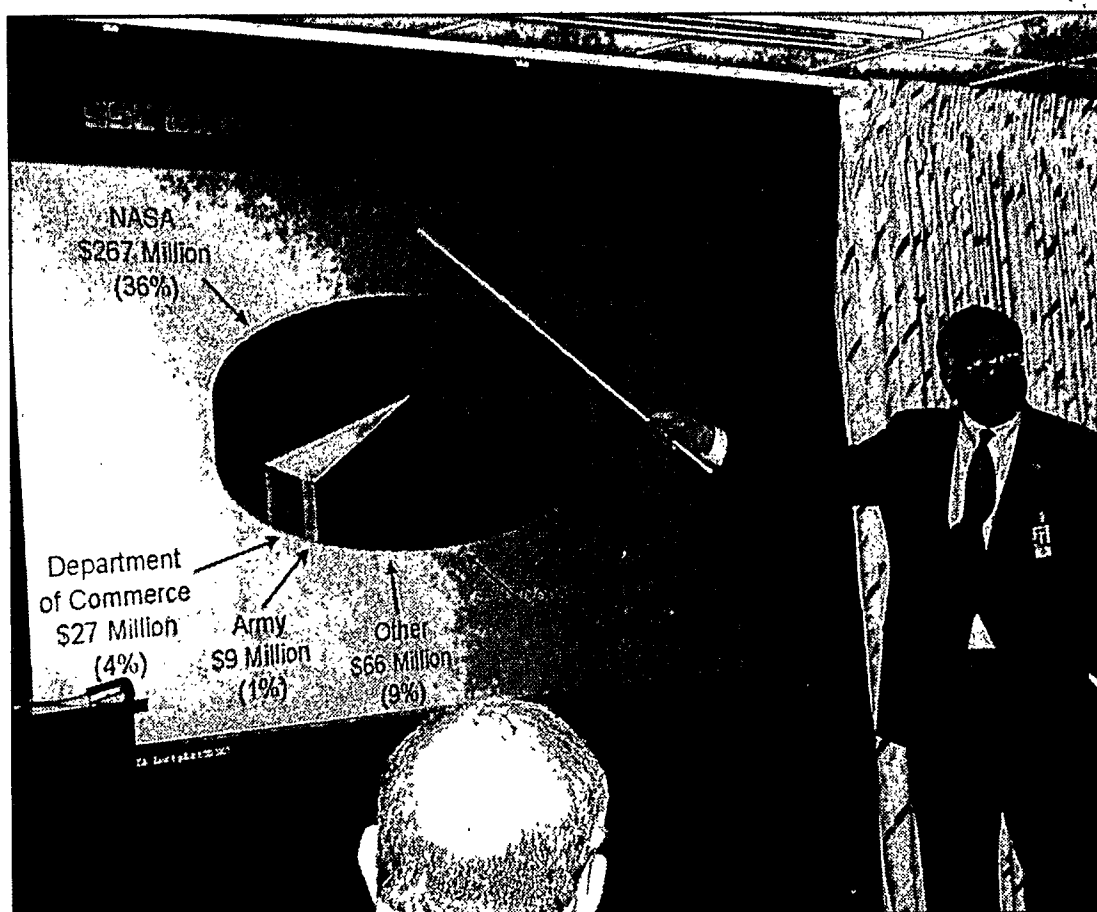
Figures indicating significant increases in Stennis Space Center's economic impact on surrounding communities in FY 2001 were released at a news conference hosted Monday by Partners for Stennis at the space center.

Figures released indicate that the center had a direct global economic impact of \$736 million.

The economic impact on areas within a 50-mile radius totaled \$497 million. That area includes Hancock, Harrison and Pearl River counties in Mississippi, and St. Tammany Parish in Louisiana.

The annual report estimated that area employment would have been reduced by 28,293 jobs and personal income would have been reduced by more than \$928 million if Stennis Space Center had not been in operation during the past fiscal year. This takes into account both direct and indirect effects such as jobs that have been created in the community to serve employees of the center as well as the employees of the center itself, presenters said.

The report also showed that had Stennis not been in operation in fiscal year 2001, local retail sales would also have been reduced by more than \$371 million, up from 1994 figures of \$197 million. The estimated tax revenue impact from the center on the local government income is \$100 million - up



Jon Roth, assistant to Stennis Space Center Director Mark Craig, on Monday explains the economic impact that the center has made on the region and the world in 2001.

from 1994 figures of \$30 million.

Partners for Stennis Chairman Dave Treutel of Bay St. Louis opened the news conference, which included speakers Stennis Acting Director Mark Craig and Rear Adm. Thomas Q. Donaldson V. Commander of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, Stennis Space Center. Jon Roth, assistant to the Stennis Space Center director, presented an overview of the new economic impact figures.

"People and partnerships mean more than just money," Craig said. "The

Navy has been here for 25 years and started out in four buildings and ten trailers. Now more than 2,000 people are here and fill a million square feet of office space.

"The \$25 million Navy Seals complex is nearing completion."

Craig also said that the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command,

located at the center, houses the world's number one computer for environmental mapping.

Stennis will also host a visit of the National Ocean Commission next week. The commission makes environmental recommendations to congress.

The key to the success of Stennis Space Center is the buffer zone, Craig said, and



The \$25 million Navy Seals complex and Training Facility is scheduled to open soon. Special Boat Unit 22 will hold a ribbon cutting in April or May. The Naval Small Craft and Technical Training School should move into its facilities in July.

it is an asset to be protected.

Of the 4,676 employees for fiscal year 2001, 1,303 lived in Pearl River County, 1,048 lived in Hancock County, 1,023 lived in St. Tammany Parish, 821 lived in Harrison County, 231 lived elsewhere in Louisiana; 199 lived elsewhere in Mississippi; and 51 lived in states other than Mississippi or Louisiana.

Of the 4,676 employees at Stennis, 39 percent were involved in scientific and engineering fields; 29 percent were technicians or were involved in craft or production trades; 17 percent worked as business professionals; 9 percent held clerical positions and 6 percent were employed in other areas.

Education pays off at Stennis. Among civil service and military employees, 6 percent held doctorate degrees; 20 percent held master's degrees; 33 percent held bachelor's degrees; and nine percent held associate's degrees. Another 31 percent had some college or a high school education.

NASA gathers its yearly economic impact information and compiles it with economic information from the more than 30 other resident agencies and seven major contractors at Stennis. Dr. Charles Campbell, professor of economics at Mississippi State University analyzes the information and provides an assessment of the center's total economic impact.

Bay PD nabs two burglary suspects

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Quick response by Bay St. Louis patrolmen led to the capture of two Oklahoma residents Saturday evening in connection with the burglary of a Highway 90 business.

"Bay police responded to a call at Merle Norman Cosmetics relative to a burglary in process.

"Upon arrival, Patrolman Clay Necaise observed a blue truck with an Oklahoma license tag leaving the parking lot with two occupants," Chief Frank McNeil said.

McNeil continued, "Necaise pursued the vehicle and was able to initiate a traffic stop with the assistance of Officers John Mitchell, Bill Roessling and Johnny Wallace. The stop resulted in the safe apprehension of a male subject identified as Mickey Joseph Leiter, 28, and a female suspect identified as Melari Dale Bebout, 21, both of Oklahoma City."

Bay Investigator Don Watson conducted the investigation of the busi-

ness and found the glass front door had been busted open. Officers recovered property believed to have been stolen from Merle Norman Cosmetics. McNeil said.

Both parties were charged with burglary of a commercial building, and Leiter was additionally charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, according to McNeil's report.

Watson, during his investigation found that Leiter was wanted on a warrant issued for his arrest in regards to failure to appear in court in Norman, Oklahoma, relative to charges of attempted burglary in 1st degree and possession of a firearm.

McNeil said their investigation of the suspects continues as they may have been involved in other crimes which have occurred outside Bay St. Louis.

Bebout is being held at the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility under a \$25,000 bond and Leiter under a \$30,000 bond.

Pass exec pleads guilty in Halter Marine case

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A Pass Christian man faces sentencing in June after pleading guilty Tuesday to federal charges of conspiring to defraud Halter Marine, Inc.

Alexander "Fred" May, 51, a former Halter senior vice president, admitted in U.S. District Court he manipulated the bidding process at Halter Marine to secure painting services for

companies he and others owned.

May pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and conspiracy to commit money laundering. He is the fifth person to plead guilty in a scheme that defrauded Halter Marine out of \$6 million. May will be sentenced on the charges June 10. He faces up to 25 years in prison and a fine of up to \$750,000.

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Map to the Bay Arts 2002 Artists' Open Studio Tour and Gallery Exhibits.

BayArts 2002 Artists' Open Studio Tour

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Bay St. Louis is preparing for the biggest day for public participation in the new citywide art event, BayArts 2002 Artists Open Studio Tour and Gallery Exhibits, Saturday, March 9 in this historic old town area of the city.

Tour maps of the 14 artists studios, five special exhibits, and ten galleries open to the public will be available beginning at 10 a.m. at the Hancock County Library Headquarters for a \$2 donation.

The schedule of events for the day includes:

Tour Headquarters opens, 10 a.m. - Visitors will see their first public art at the library, Renaissance of a Community, the mosaic mural created by BayArts faculty member Elizabeth Veglia and hundreds of community members.

The library special exhibits of the work of late African-American artists, sculptor Richmond Barthé and woodcarver Ellsworth Collins (whose work may also be seen at St. Rose) and other artists are encouraged. Tour maps, light refreshments and comfort stations will be available.

Old Town galleries open 10 a.m. until early evening.

Special presentation: Ausekis Ozolos, master muralist "Christ in the

Oak," St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church, 301 S. Nicaise Ave., 11 a.m. - noon. Church will remain open to the public until 3 p.m.

Lunch in Old Town or the Depot District - all area restaurants will be focusing on BayArts visitors with outstanding fare for the day.

Artists Open Studio Tour, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Studios are concentrated in the area south of Highway 90 to Washington St. and the west by St. Francis St.

Studios will be identified with signs and balloons. The tour follows no particular route.

Studios close at 5 p.m., but galleries will remain open until the early evening.

"These 14 studios were selected because they exhibited the enormous diversity of the Bay St. Louis artists colony, from large-scale sculpture to pottery miniatures.

"Visual artists make up two-thirds of our artistic community, and each year we will continue to focus on variety, quality and studio interest," said Mike Cuevas, event organizer and director of cultural affairs for the city.

BayArts 2002 begins Thursday, March 7, with nine four-day art workshops being taught throughout the city by 10 Bay St. Louis art educators.

The workshops include watercolors, Sory Yager and

Kathe Calhoun; mixed-media, Kat Fitzpatrick; drawing, Robin Cole; print-making, Gwen Impson; making papers and simple books, Vicki Niolet; Bay clay potter Talle Johnson; mosaics, Elizabeth Veglia; hand carving in stone, Anthony Henderson; and fine art photography with Sandra Russell Clark.

For further tour information, call Cuevas, 228.463.7120 or by e-mail, depot@goldinc.com.

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The group is open to any RV owner and meets monthly on the second Friday at various Coast campgrounds for socializing, games and pot luck.

For information, call Bill Stiger at 255-1691 or 871-0498, beeper.

Weaver exhibit

The Dyed in the Wool Weavers and Spinners Guild will have its annual exhibit - "What's In A Name?" - and reception at the Pass Christian Library, 111 Hiern Avenue Sunday, March 3, 3-5 p.m.

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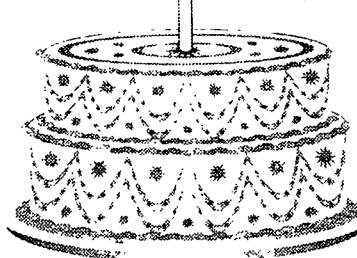
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Fifty percent of the proceeds of the sale will go to local charities and to the Father Johnson Hospital Foundation.

Items in need are working television sets, furniture, stereos, exercise equipment, boats and even cars. No clothes, please.

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Memorial Heart Team receives recognition

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This annual study names organizations that are among the best performing hospitals for treating heart attacks and cardiovascular disease with mortality and complication rates as much as 27 percent lower than other hospitals. The study also analyzes specific procedures and conditions including Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) and Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty (PTCA).

"We believe we provide excellent patient care and being recognized by this study reinforces our belief," said Jim Kaigler, President and Chief Executive Officer of Memorial Hospital.

To learn the details, log onto <http://www.100TopHospitals.com>. Look for "Solucient 100 Top Hospitals: Cardiovascular Benchmarks for Success" hospitals and a summary of the report.

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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Despite the frostbite, you still get gnat-bite

The recent cold snap does not make too many want to think about sprucing up their property for Spring.

This past weekend was so nice and warm in comparison with the cold and freezing weather of Wednesday and today.

Jane and I were able to work Sunday afternoon one of our garden areas, and the nice wind kept the gnats away.

It is hard to understand how gnats survive the cold. When early-year temperatures rise, gnats seem to do the same thing along the coastal area.

Someone once referred gnats to me as being all mouth. One thing is for sure, they give a big bite for their size.

As many of you know, the 55th annual Spring Pilgrimage will take place March 9-16 along the three coastal counties.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, requesting all residents, industry and business owners to spruce up around their properties for this big event.

I just hate to drive along a road or highway and see it covered with litter. Litter is a serious problem in our county, as it is along the entire Coast.

A big help would be if everyone checked their property in front, and looked left and right, as one member of the Beautification Committee suggested at its last meeting.

Hopefully one day our county will become litter free.

Congratulations are in order for J.E. Loiacano, who was inducted into the All-American Football

Foundation Hall of Fame recently in Biloxi.

J.E. had an outstanding football career at St. Stanislaus in high school, Mississippi State in college, and as a professional at Canton, Ohio. In addition he was the strength coach at Mississippi State for many years before returning to Bay St. Louis to open his business.

J.E. is well known in the area and operates Loiacano's Health Spa in Bay St. Louis.

Congratulations J.E. on being named to the All-American Hall of Fame. You very much deserve the honor.

While on the subject of sports, Bay St. Louis and Hancock County are well represented in the State High School Basketball Tournament which began Tuesday in Jackson.

In the thick of the hunt for a basketball championship are the Bay High Lady Tigers, Hancock High Lady Hawks and the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws.

Hancock High's Lady Hawks, (25-10), No. 2 seed from the South in 5A met Jackson Murrah, (28-3) at 1 p.m., the No. 3 seed from the North. The game was after my deadline for this column.

On Thursday at 6:30 p.m., the Bay High Lady Tigers, (25-8), No. 3 seed meet East Side, the No. 2 team from the North.

Thursday at 8 p.m., the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws, (30-6), No. 3 seed from the South in 4A Boys, meets Oxford, No. 2 from the North.

Best of luck to the Lady Tigers, Lady Hawks and Rock-a-chaws in the state high school basketball tournament.

Mississippi has serious unfinished business protecting our own campaign finance law

Historic as was Congress' passage of campaign finance reform for federal elections, down here in Mississippi we have some serious unfinished business trying to protect our own campaign finance law from being trampled by the nation's biggest business lobby organization.

For refreshers: In November, 2000, the United States Chamber of Commerce, based in Washington, in an unprecedented sortie into Mississippi's state judicial

elections, poured \$1 million (and possibly more) into four state Supreme Court elections with a TV ad and mailing blitz aimed at electing the Chamber's choices for our judgeships.

When Secretary of State Eric Clark demanded that the Chamber comply with the state's 1999 campaign finance law and disclose who contributed the money spent in Mississippi, how much, and how it was spent, the U.S. Chamber refused to comply.

Promptly the Chamber filed suit in Federal District Court in Jackson to claim immunity from Mississippi's law and to keep running the TV ads, using the argument that the TV spots were merely "issue" ads covered by the First Amendment.

Clark and Mississippi Atty. Gen. Mike Moore went to bat to defend state law. They immediately challenged the Chamber's high-price legal army in U.S. District Court based in Jackson.

To the shock of the Chamber, District Judge Henry T. Wingate (a Republican appointee) in an eloquent, possibly historic

ruling, found that the ads amounted to "express advocacy" of certain candidates and were not merely issue ads. He further ruled they were subject to the state's campaign finance law.

Immediately the Chamber got a last-minute stay from U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who happens to be the most right-wing member of the court, to keep running the ads.

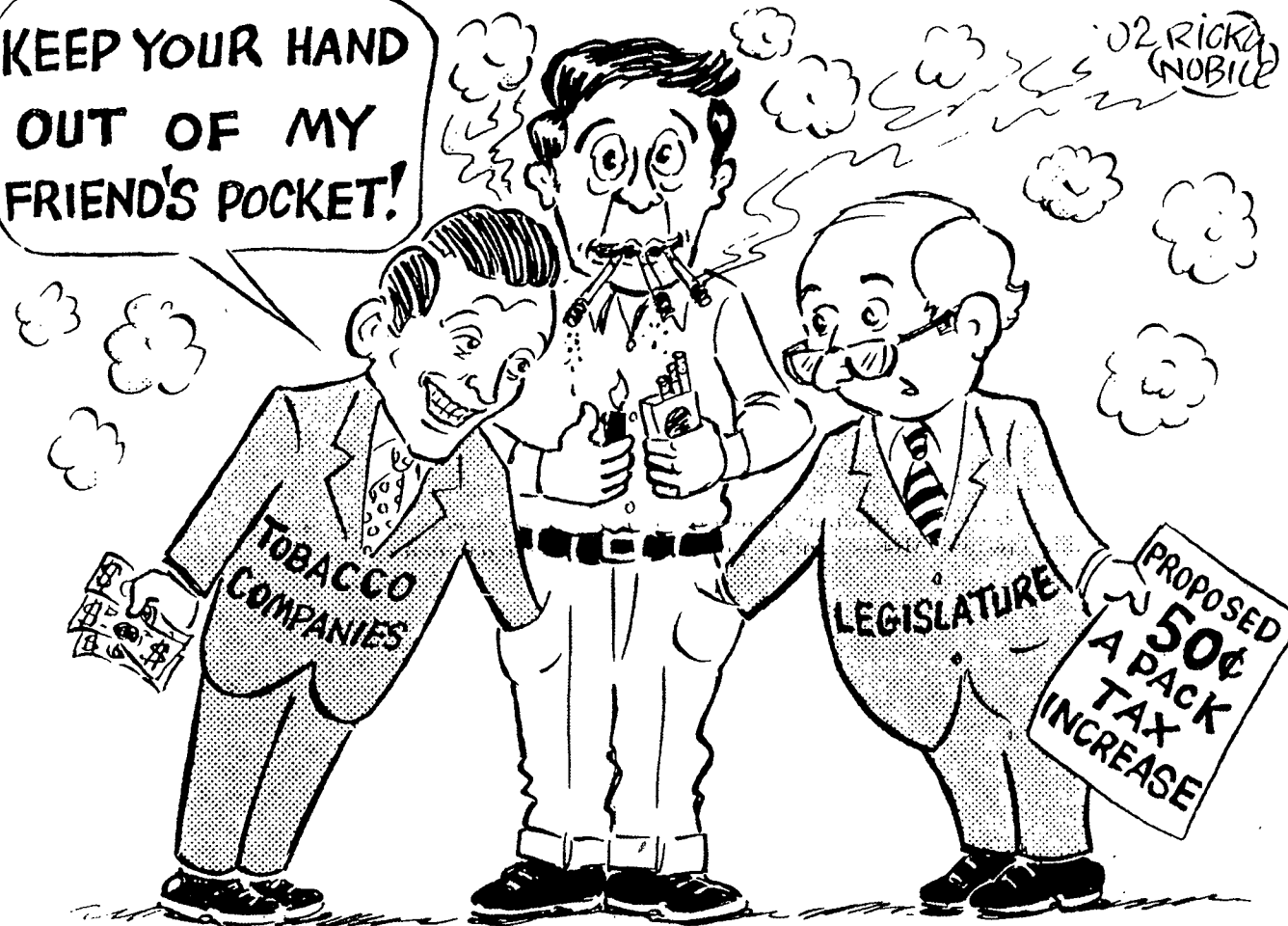
But the David vs. Goliath story of little Mississippi's defense of its own campaign finance reform law against the nation's most powerful business lobby didn't end

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Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

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Letters to the Editor

We're back to square one

To the Editor:
With reference to the Feb. 7 article "Supervisors scrap beach lighting plan," the article stated: "The supervisors voted unanimously that they won't increase the number of lights now up or raise the intensity of the lighting along Beach Blvd."

The question now is when will corrective action be taken to have the power company lower the wattage back to the original 75 watts

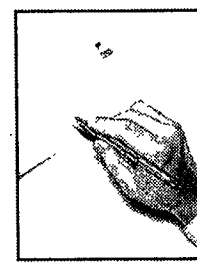
in the 24 (250 watt) units previously installed?

We're back to square one. The lights turned off during the debate on this issue have now been activated resulting in the return of the "parking lot atmosphere" along the tranquil beach. Did the supervisors think their constituents wouldn't notice?

Sincerely,
Edna O. Koptyra
Waveland MS

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



If it's a law, then enforce it

To the Editor:
It's not often that I write to a newspaper, but an issue has come up that I think should be addressed.

First of all, I have been very pleased with the progress of Bay St. Louis since gambling became part of our landscape.

I think the new sidewalks, lower taxes, street repairs and better water drainage are a positive indication that we have people in office that care about the future of our city, and I hope it continues.

The recent change making Court Street a one-way street really concerns me, especially since some people don't take it seriously.

Last Friday I went to the coffee shop across from the County Jail and observed three vehicles going the wrong way on Court Street, including an official county Sheriff's Department van.

The problem: we have a law, but why aren't people

taking it seriously? Why does the county police force believe they can violate the law?

What kind of an example is this for our young people? Why don't the Bay St. Louis police enforce the law?

And what happens if my elderly sister-in-law is run over by a car/truck violating a Bay St. Louis law?

What happens if my handicapped friend rolls her wheelchair out without looking west and becomes a statistic?

And who is liable when the police don't enforce the law and someone is injured, perhaps for life?

Would you like some member of your family to be the first victim?

I hope these thoughts will give responsible officials a different perspective to someone's indecision about Court Street.

Al Jensen
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East Hancock Elementary first grade students, from left, Hannah Dau from Ms. Gex's class, Chloe Guin from Ms. Kelley's class, Eric Carlisle from Ms. Mill's class, and Adam Penton from Ms. Moran's class prepare a final note prior to the arrival of their FBLA pen pals.

Hancock Vo-Tech FBLA pen pals with East Hancock first grade

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Members of the Hancock County Vo-Tech Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and all first grade classes at East Hancock Elementary participated in a pen pal writing project during the 2001-2002 school year.

FBLA members were assigned first grade students to correspond with

as a method of providing practice for students in the area of letter writing.

In addition, the project helped improved both communication and general writing skills of first grade and the high school students. FBLA members wrote an introductory letter to first graders, and they wrote back with correspondence of letters continuing about every two

weeks.

The first grade classes prepared Christmas cards for their pen pals, and FBLA members responded with a final letter written on special Mardi Gras paper and supplied each first grade class with a king cake for snack day.

A Meet-Your-Pen-Pal Party was held on Feb. 22 for the two groups to get acquainted.

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there.

The Chamber later asked the New Orleans-based U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, which is dominated by Republican appointees, to strike down Judge Wingate's ruling and keep Mississippi from annoying them with its feisty campaign finance law.

Does the Chamber have visions of pouring big bucks into Mississippi's future political decision-making and wants to prevent a dinky state campaign finance law getting in its way?

The case: U.S. Chamber of Commerce vs. Eric Clark and Mike Moore, had been argued way back in early November before a three-judge Fifth Circuit panel in New Orleans. Nothing has been heard from it since.

Seventeen other states, significantly, have joined Mississippi and filed Amicus briefs in behalf of the state's case. One of the states happens to be Florida, where the disputed 2000 vote count wound up in the U.S. Supreme Court where, in effect, George Bush was chosen to be president.

Since the Mississippi campaign finance case was heard by the Fifth Circuit panel, two earth-shaking events have happened that cast an ominous shadow over buying political influence with big campaign money:

1. The Enron scandal, and 2. Passage of the McCain-Feingold-Cochran Campaign Finance Reform act in Congress outlawing so-called "soft money," long considered as mother's milk by the National Republican Party.

While the act controls campaign financing in elections for federal offices

- U.S. House and U.S. Senate - it doesn't apply to state elections. Only after a long fight to enact our own campaign finance reform, law did Mississippi's Clark get it through the Legislature in 1999, and then had to get lawmakers to override Republican Gov. Kirk Fordice's veto.

Significantly, the Chamber is not only seeking to bypass Mississippi's campaign finance law, but also bitterly fought passage of the federal act.

In the meantime, Mississippians need to focus their attention to how the state's own members of the U.S. House voted two weeks ago when the campaign reform act narrowly passed, with several former foes on both sides of the aisle, voting for it.

Mississippi, sadly, could contribute only one of its five votes to the bill's passage: Gulf Coast Democratic Rep. Gene Taylor.

The state's two Republicans - Roger Wicker and Chip Pickering - with the words of GOP Speaker Dennis Hastert ("this is Armageddon for the Republican Party") ringing in their ears, could obviously be expected to follow their leader and vote against the bill.

In the case of Democrat Ronnie Shows voting against it after previously voting for it, I can see a case of behind-covering to protect his right flank in his still-to-be-determined new Congressional district.

But in the case of Democrat Bennie Thompson, the only black member of Mississippi's delegation, I can see no justification for his vote against the bill other than outright pandering to corporate PAC donors whose basic inter-

ests are antithetical to needs of the average black citizen in the poor Delta district which is heavily dependent on welfare and other transfer payments.

Most members of the Black Caucus in the House had been skeptical of the Campaign Finance Reform, fearing it could cut off get-out-the-vote money in their minority districts. But 32 members of the Caucus came on board in the show-down vote. Only three - our Bennie being one of them - voted against the bill.

Importantly, John Lewis of Georgia, who is the only bona fide veteran of the 1960s civil rights struggle among blacks in Congress, has long been an advocate of Campaign Finance reform.

Thompson's political cash doesn't come from the organized labor PACs as many down here probably think.

An analysis by the Center for Responsive Politics in Washington says that while 70 per cent of Thompson's cash comes from PACs (highest among Mississippi congressmen), half of his PAC money comes from national pro-business groups, and half from labor.

Thompson's record in Congress and his gratuitously venomous public statements - notably his recent "Judas" reference to black Mississippians who support U.S. Dist. Judge Charles Pickering for elevation to the Fifth Circuit Court - beg for strong opposition in the public and political arena.

For too long, Thompson has escaped close public and press scrutiny as he has coasted along, playing the race card as a protective shield.

Taylor announces grant for DA's office

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

U. S. Rep. Gene Taylor announced that the U. S. Department of Justice has awarded a \$220,490 grant to District Attorney Cono Caranna.

Taylor said, "I congratulate Cono and his office for

their success in being awarded this grant. The grant will allow the District Attorney to hire assistant DAs who will focus their attention on violent crimes committed with a gun."

The resources provided under the program will

allow District Attorney Caranna to pay the salary and benefit costs to hire additional prosecutors for three years.

The program will be administered by the Bureau of Justice of the Department of Justice.

Pass Christian Elementary to host Multicultural Fair Mar. 4-8

Throughout the week students will be involved in learning about other cultures, their customs and traditions, art, music, food and languages.

The countries are America, Africa, Asia, Brazil, Italy and Mexico.

The opening ceremony is planned for Monday, March 4, where guest dancers will perform their native dance. The dancers are Mrs. Utah Theologos, a Japanese dancer, Ms. Aida Creel, a Brazilian dancer, Mr. Manh Pham and Group, Vietnamese dancers, and Mrs. Mary Ruby Sellier, an Arabic descendant.

On Wednesday, March 6, at 8 a.m. exhibits, displays, and the touring of countries will take students on a journey around the world as they explore and experience some unique and beautiful cultures.

This activity is sponsored by Mary Edelen, balance teacher, balance students, parents, community persons and community businesses.

Thursday's activity will be presented by Thea Williams, a doctoral student at the University of Southern Mississippi. Williams will introduce Cinderella Around The World.

The closing ceremony will be Friday, March 8, beginning at 10 a.m. with a program presented by the second grade on the African continent.

An afternoon program will conclude the week's activities with folk dances by each grade at 12:15 p.m. in the multi-purpose building. On this day the entire student body, faculty and staff will dress in traditional costumes to represent

their assigned country/continent.

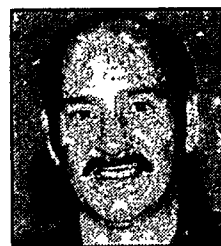
"The Pass Christian Elementary School faculty and staff are elated about the enthusiasm that this event has generated in our school and community. It has greatly improved relations, understandings and appreciation for the different cultures in our school," according to Mary Bowser and Mary Edelen, coordinators of the fair.

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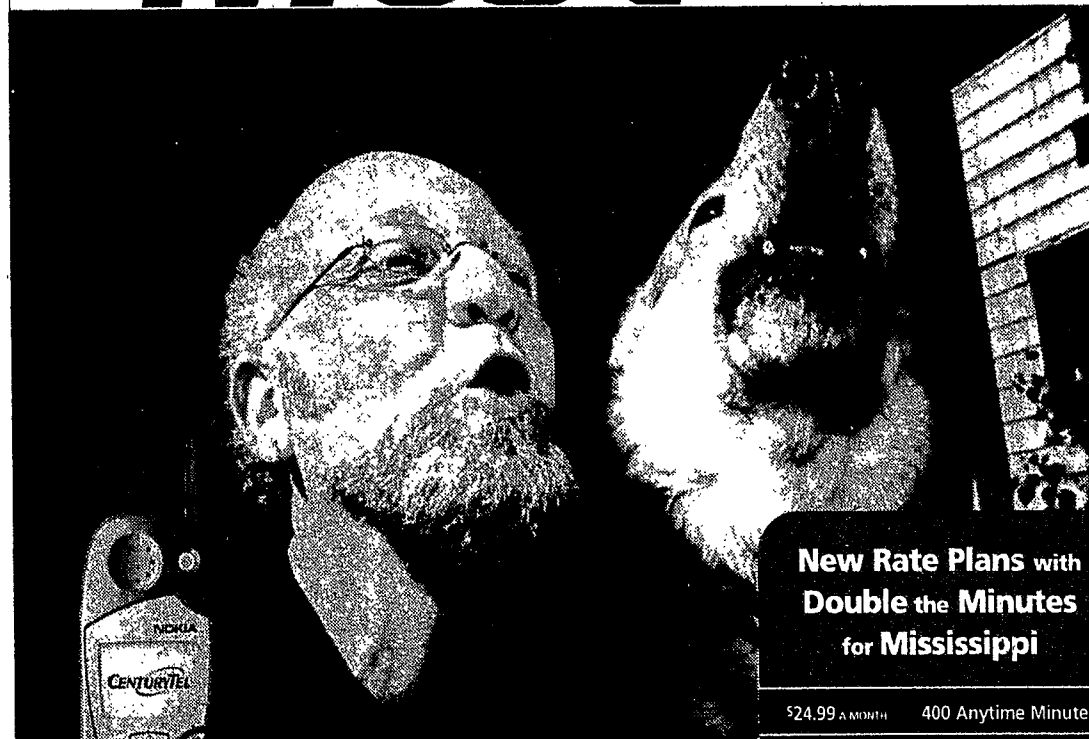
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HELEN D'ANDREA
 Helen Frances D'Andrea, 89, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. D'Andrea was a homemaker. She was a native of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. and a resident of the Gulf Coast for seven years. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church and an avid bridge player.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Samuel Joseph Patner.

Survivors include husband Daniel D'Andrea; son Samuel Joseph Patner Jr. of Malone, Wash.; daughters Sandra Patner Perrett of Kiln and RoseAnne Patner DeRussy of Covington; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, March 2 at 11 a.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis where friends may call one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be private.

IRENE CAGLE
 Irene Cagle, 76, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Cagle was a homemaker. She was a native of Borz, Ala. and grew up in Purvis. She lived in Bay St. Louis for 37 years and attended the Church of God.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin N. Cagle.

Survivors include sons Aubrey Cagle and Oliver Cagle, both of Bay St. Louis; stepsons Charlie Cagle of Kiln and Eric Cagle of Poplarville; a daughter, Marilyn Neff of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Jody Price Stewart of Purvis; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. at Hulet-Winstead Funeral home in Purvis followed by services at 2 p.m. and burial in Corinth Cemetery in Purvis.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of local arrangements.

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ANNA DEROCHÉ
 Anna Deroche, 76, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Thibodeaux Funeral Home.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis handled local arrangements.

WARREN EISWORTH
 Warren L. Eisworth, 72, of Gulfport, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002.

Mr. Eisworth was born in Denham Springs, La. He was a retired automobile dealer and longtime resident of McComb.

He developed Lakeview Golf Course and coached the McComb High School golf team. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Summit and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J. M. "Jake" Eisworth and Evelyn Neames Eisworth.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Eisworth of Waveland; three sons, Lamm Eisworth of Bay St. Louis, Mitchell Eisworth of McKinney, Texas, and Russell Eisworth of McComb; daughters Brenda Wilder of Plano, Texas and Amelia Mason of Eddiston; a brother, J. M. "Milton" Eisworth of Ponchatoula, La.; and a sister, Geraldine McDaniel of McComb.

Services were conducted Tuesday at Hartman Cemetery in McComb.

ELVIS LADNER
 Elvis C. Ladner, 79, of Dedeaux, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Ladner was a lifelong resident of the Dedeaux community and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dedeaux. He was a retired clerk with the VA Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wallace and Maggie Ladner; two brothers, Clifton Ladner and Guy Ladner; and a sister, Mamie Ladner.

Survivors include his wife, Mamie Niolet Ladner of Dedeaux; and a brother, Clyde Ladner of Oregon.

Services were conducted Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dedeaux. Burial was in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum, directed by Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport.

MARY LAFONTAINE
 Mary "Bessie" Garcia LaFontaine, 75, of Pearlinton, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, in Kenner.

Mrs. LaFontaine was a native and lifelong resident of Pearlinton. She was a member of Pearlinton United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rufus LaFontaine; her parents, Frank J. and Clara V. Barr Garcia; and a brother, Manuel Garcia.

Survivors include her caretaker, Claude H. Bello of Pearlinton.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at Pearlinton United Methodist Church. A prayer service was conducted Wednesday at the church followed by interment in Pearlinton Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers donations to Pearlinton United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 185, Pearlinton, MS 39572.

E. FAIRCONNETUE
 Ethel Mae Johnson

Fairconnetue, 70, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Fairconnetue was a native of Standard and a member of Robinson Chapel Church of God in Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert J. Fairconnetue; parents Luther and Olivia Johnson; a brother, Lester Johnson; and a sister, Mary Bit Saucier.

Survivors include six sons, Russell J., Nathaniel T. and Raymond B. Fairconnetue, all of Bay St. Louis, Stanley J. Fairconnetue of New Orleans, Arnold F. Fairconnetue of Pass Christian, and Matthew D. Fairconnetue of Bay St. Louis; two daughters, Lori Fairconnetue Hinds of Fort Eustis, Va., and Regina Fairconnetue Brunelle of Pass Christian; four sisters, Evelyn Gyins, Catherine Johnson and Annette Johnson, all of Bay St. Louis, and Elouise Jones of Winnfield, La.; 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday, March 2, 10-11 a.m. at First Missionary Baptist Church followed by services and burial in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Baylous Funeral Home in Picayune is in charge of arrangements.

MAYME JOSEPH
 Mayme A. Joseph, age unavailable, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2002, in Gulfport.

Services are pending at J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport.

LYNDA MCDONALD
 Lynda Marie McDonald, 43, of Brookings, Ore., died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, in Crescent City, Calif.

Mrs. McDonald was born Nov. 13, 1958 in Rockford, Ill. and was a teacher at Brookings-Harbor High School in Brookings where she was the chairwoman of the foreign language department. She was past president of the Brookings-Harbor Education Association, and served as treasurer of Delta Kappa Gamma. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She was a former resident of Jackson, McComb and Gulfport and was a graduate of Mississippi State University.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Gloria McDonald.

Survivors include her father, Alfred McDonald of Bay St. Louis; and a brother, Steven A. McDonald.

Services will be conducted today, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. at Brookings-Harbor High School gymnasium in Brookings, Ore., directed by Redwood Memorial Chapel.

The family prefers memorials to Brookings-Harbor High School.

MILLCENT MERIC
 Millicent Clesi Brodtmann Meric, 74, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Meric was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church. She was a graduate of Ursuline Academy and attended Gulf Park College and Newcomb College. She was an alumna of Kappa Alpha Theta.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Edwood S. Brodtmann; and her parents, Victor and Mildred St. Hilaire Clesi.

She was the wife of Rene P. Meric Jr. of Bay St. Louis; mother of Edwood S. Brodtmann, II of Bay St.

Louis, Dr. Richard H. Brodtmann of New Braunfels, Texas, and Mrs. Richard A. Bruno of Covington; stepmother of Nancy Wilkinson of Baton Rouge, Ruth Meric of Houston, Texas, Mrs. George B. Riviere, Jr. of Covington, R. Pierre Meric, III of Houston and Philip Meric of New Orleans; grandmother of Chelise and James Brodtmann, Casey Trapani, Melissa and Elizabeth Bruno and Christine Brodtmann; and great-grandmother of Andrew and Madden Trapani.

Visitation will be Friday, March 1, 9-10:15 a.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a procession to Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church for celebration of a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. and followed by visitation at Lakelawn Metairie Funeral Home in New Orleans from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. with a prayer service at 2:30. Interment will follow at Lakelawn Park Mausoleum in New Orleans.

The family prefers contributions to the Hancock County Historical Society, 108 Cue Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

JOHN MCGEE
 John M. McGee, 68, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. McGee was born in Brookhaven and moved to Pass Christian in 1995,

where he was a member of Pineville Presbyterian Church. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in the Korean War, a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and a retired engineer with the Department of Defense. He was also a member of the Sons of the Confederacy, Sam Davis Chapter at Beauvoir.

He was preceded in death by a son, John Kirk McGee; and a brother, Carl Edwin McGee.

Survivors include his wife, Janice A. McGee; a son, James A. McGee, both of Pass Christian; two sisters, Nell Barlow of Wesson, Lellon Farmer of

Hazelhurst; and four grandchildren.

Services were conducted Tuesday at Pineville Presbyterian Church followed by graveside services at Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

MARY NECAISE
 Mary Ceicle Lee Necaise, 55, of Leetown, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, in Leetown.

Mrs. Necaise was a native of Hancock County and a resident of the Leetown community. She

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Your comments, suggestions, and ideas are important to the successful development of MULTIPLAN. The draft report is available for review at MDOT and Metropolitan Planning Offices listed below. Times available for review: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; comments deadline: March 5, 2002. Comments may be deposited at these sites or sent by mail to: Wilbur Smith Associates, Attn: Dale Janik, P. O. Box 92, Columbia, SC 29202-0092.

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Diamondhead Royalty



King Bill Eckert and Queen Carrie Perkins

Krewe of Diamondhead

By Rene Duffour

The Krewe of Diamondhead had a super Mardi Gras season with the annual Mardi Gras ball held in the Country Club Feb. 2.

The pageant, directed by Helen Eckert and assisted by June Duffour, went off well with the entrance of the past court and 2001 royalty, namely Don Perkins and Ruth Rhodes.

Then the 2002 court entered the ballroom. The king, Bill Eckert, King Alii Honua the 27th, entered in splendid regalia to the delight of his subjects.

Following the king was Queen Carrie Perkins escorted by Captain Benny Mistrretta.

The queen wore a white satin gown with a sweetheart neck in front and a plunging "V" in back. The fitted elongated bodice was completely covered with alencon lace and encrusted with clear sequins and pearls.

The puff-shaped lace sleeves tapered to a point at the wrist. The full skirt had a scalloped border of lace with pearl swags and delicate rosettes.

Throughout the skirt were pearl diamond-shaped motifs surrounded by lace appliques.

The classic mantle was of maroon and green velvet edged in faux ermine fur. In the center were

sequined gold masks and the Diamondhead logo.

The collar was white satin adorned with gold appliques and edged with gold and crystal beads. A crown and scepter fashioned of brilliant rhinestones completed her regalia.

Music was furnished by Frankie Mann and his orchestra. Special thanks was given to Pat Sheehy who served as chairman of music, and the Decorating Committee which consisted of Eloise Connerly, Neil Hall, Betty Flood, Lou Lamendola, Bill and Billie Bahner, Velma Mistrretta and Ray Sheehy.

The Reservation Committee consisted of Pat Sheehy and Ted Godard. The next and final activity of the Krewe of Diamondhead was the annual parade directed by Parade Lieutenant Ray Sheehy. The parade rolled on the streets of Diamondhead on Saturday Feb. 9 and consisted of 40-plus units.

Tremendous crowds viewed the parade which started at the Community Center and terminated at the Country Club with a party sponsored by the Krewe of Diamondhead and the Krewe of Boaters.

It was truly a happy Mardi Gras and was one of the best yet.

Direction -- Court St.

said that the department may look into the possibility of putting "Do Not Enter" signs at Court and Second St.

"I don't like it," said Jerry Beeson, a mechanic for the Hancock County Sheriff's Department. "But I've pretty much got it on my mind now. It gets hectic in the afternoon when school is letting out and what are they going to do when the next *Cruisin' the Coast* comes? It's a pain, just something else you have to do that you don't normally do."

Not everyone agrees. "I like it," said Mary Odom, food manager for the department. "I've been working here for 16 years and I think it makes it easier."

But most agree that no one seems to be paying attention to the change anyway.

"Most people aren't paying attention to it," said Valerie Bowen, manager of Ye Old Towne Library Tea and Coffee Shop. "It was becoming very difficult to get out on Beach Blvd. because of parked cars, but I'm not sure it was necessary for traffic flow. There should be signs coming out of the parking lots of businesses to show the flow of traffic."

Employees at city hall say they don't notice the difference much because they park in a lot behind city hall and enter and exit via Main St. One clerk said she thought the street should go the other way because most people seem to be going the that direction, she said.

"It was part of our striping package and the idea was to ease the flow of traffic and ease the congestion on the beach," said City Clerk Paula Fairconnetue.

About the time she spoke, someone drove up in front of city hall going the other way. Tina Schwartz, a technical assistant in radiology, said she was coming to pay a bill and was unaware that the street was one way.

"What one-way street," she asked. "I honestly didn't even know the street had changed. I didn't see the sign. How will people get in and out of here?"

Drug bust

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major drug bust after stopping a Pascagoula man driving on Hwy. 603 near the I-10 exit. — a routine traffic stop for a busted headlight that ended up netting more than 30 pounds of marijuana.

Narcotics Division Director Matt Karl said Monday that Lt. Jimmy Esposito arrested Bobby Daughtery, 32, charging him with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Karl said that Daughtery refused to consent to a vehicle search after Esposito made the stop, so Esposito brought in his partner — Dax, a Dutch shepherd K-9 unit.

"Dax jumped through the drivers' side window and located on two duffle bags in the back seat," Karl said, which allegedly contained the marijuana.

Sunday's bust came less than two weeks after Mississippi Highway Patrol officers confiscated more than 96 pounds of marijuana, and less than a month after deputies arrested a man for allegedly transporting more than five pounds of cocaine. Both of those busts occurred after routine traffic stops.

Daughtery was transported to the Hancock County Justice Facility Sunday, and held on a \$50,000 bond. A background check later revealed that Daughtery has prior convictions on similar charges, Karl said.

Assisting were deputies Sammy Jewell, Abe Long and K-9 unit Shadow, Danny Gilkerson, Thalius Ladner and Jason Chandler.

Apparently people who pick up and deliver on the street don't like it either.

"I don't like it because I've got to go up and come around," said a UPS driver who was making deliveries.

"I'm just totally confused," said Angelyn Treutel of Treutel Insurance. "We're trying really hard to do it right but, we always went the other way. Someone is going to get killed by someone going the other way. We have signs in our rear parking lot reminding people to turn left."

Treutel said one thing she did like was that big trucks weren't parked at the end of the street by Beach Blvd. anymore.

Mary Rice, office manager at American Bail Bonds, said she thought it was an inconvenience, but that their business hadn't suffered yet because most people didn't know about the change anyway and were still coming the wrong way.

In front of the bail bond office a Bay P.D. officer had just stopped an offender, who said, of course that she

wasn't aware of the change. The officer issued a warning and sent her on her way.

Two employees at the board of supervisors office located in the county court house, Terry Guenard and Kathy Browers, said they found the change an inconvenience.

"If anything should be one way, it should be a small stretch of Beach Blvd.," said Guenard.

"And they should stop people from parking on both sides of Cue St.," said Browers.

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Planning

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members of the 15-member commission voted to fire Director Jeff Taylor and its longtime attorney, Michael Haas.

Some Harrison County leaders believe Taylor was fired because of political pressure from the Mississippi Department of Transportation, which he often criticized for not funding transportation needs of the three fast-growing Mississippi coastal counties. GRPC officials claim, however, Taylor was fired because of financial irregularities found after an MDOT audit. Taylor was put on paid administrative leave Dec. 19 after the audit was released.

Harrison County Supervisor Bobby Eleuteris said the county has already doled out \$15,000 this fiscal year to GRPC, but will now switch the remaining \$45,000 over to the South Mississippi Planning and Development District (SMPDD).

Taylor was scheduled to become deputy director of SMPDD on Friday.

The GRPC serves as the metropolitan planning organization or MPO for Harrison, Hancock and Jackson Counties, and receives federal and state funds to handle the coast's transportation planning.

Eleuteris said Harrison might form its own MPO. He said other cities and counties along the coast were thinking about forming their own MPO's, but said it would be premature to identify them.

Comptroller Patty Hammons said Hancock County has a contract with GRPC this year for \$18,000 for consulting services. The county also contributes another \$7,450 to GRPC yearly per capita, based on the current census figures. The per-capita support to SMPDD based on the same formula amounted to \$10,742 yearly, she said.

Blessing set for April 28

Organizers of the Blessing of the Fleet in Pass Christian are calling for folks interested in entering the annual event on

Sunday, April 28.

Call Alderman Leo "Chipper" McDermott at 452-2952 or Harbormaster J.J. Lassabe at 452-3315.

Obits

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was a member of Lee's Chapel No. 2 Baptist Church. She was employed as a production worker with Brockway Stnd.

Survivors include her mother, Ardella Lee; a daughter, Michele Necaise; a son, David Alexander, all of Leetown; two sisters, Audrey Cuevas of Leetown and Barbara Spiers of Necaise Crossing; a brother, Robert Lee of Progress; and a grandson.

Visitation was Sunday evening at McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune.

Services were conducted Monday in Lee's Chapel No. 2 Baptist Church in Leetown with burial in Leetown Cemetery.

LOIS OSTERHOLM

Lois C. Osterholm, 60, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

DONALD SESSUM SR.

Donald C. "Don" Sessum Sr., 67, of Pass Christian, died Feb. 24, 2002, in Slidell.

Mr. Sessum was born Oct. 29, 1934 in Slidell and moved to Pass Christian in 1967 where he served on the Pass Christian Police Department. He worked and retired from Regina Co. in Long Beach and also worked at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport for 13 years. He served in the United States Air Force and was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church and a member of the Pass Christian Isles Golf Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frances R. Sessum and Thomas M. Sessum.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Shirley J. Sessum; five children, Donna Wade of Pass Christian, Donald Sessum, Jr. of Lyman, Denise Scarborough of Pass Christian, Darleen McDyer of New Port Richie, Fla., and Dawn LaMarca of Pass Christian; a brother, Thomas F. Sessum of Amite, La.; sisters Jean De Rayna of Atlanta, Ga. and Frances Post of Fort Worth, Texas;

12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Wednesday at St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian.

Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to the South Mississippi Kidney Foundation.



JUANITA VAUGHN

Juanita Cecile Aguilard Vaughn, 83, of Pearlinton, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, in New Orleans.

Mrs. Vaughn was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, AARP, and Senior Citizens. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Vaughn, a son, Eldridge D. Recasner Sr.; and her parents, Camille A. Aguilard and Mary A. Chevalier.

Survivors include sons Earl G. Recasner Jr. and Allen J. Recasner Sr., both of New Orleans; eight sisters, Augusta Mogillis, Joyce Perkins, Loyce Richard, Lorraine Porche, Bernice Martinez, Elizabeth Washington, Myrtle Allen and Barbara Phabid Iobal; three brothers, Marcell Aguilard, Calvin Aguilard Sr. and Gerald Aguilard; 13 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Visitation will be Saturday, March 2, 8-10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pearlinton followed by services and burial in Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery in New Orleans.

Baylous Funeral Home in Picayune is in charge of arrangements.

Water, Sewer District takes man to court

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A Shoreline Park resident is facing jail time and a possible fine for not paying his \$35 monthly sewerage bill.

Justice Court Judge Ricky Adam has given Chris Salisbury until March 4 to produce financial records before ordering him to pay over \$300 on his monthly sewerage bill, plus penalty fees and court costs.

The judge said he warned Salisbury last week if he does not present the records, he will find him in contempt of court, and he sentence him 14 days in the county jail.

Salisbury, who lives at 4048 Swallow Street in Shoreline Park on the east side of state Hwy. 603, began complaining about Hancock County's sewerage and water systems in December of 2000.

He blindsided the board of supervisors at a public meeting, contending the sewerage collection system would eventually contaminate a water system scheduled to come into the waterfront subdivision.

Salisbury, who told supervisors he was a retired master plumber, also wrote the state health department the state Department of Environmental Quality, the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor, asking for an investigation into his complaints.

The agencies investigated and were unable to confirm his claims.

Eddie Renz, the director of Hancock County's Water and Sewer District County, said the sewerage collection system came to Salisbury's area of Shoreline Park around April of 1999, and he hooked up to the grinder pump at the front of his property and was paying his monthly bill.

Renz said Salisbury stopped paying a year ago last February, around the time he was circulating a petition recruiting residents to oppose hooking up to the water distribution system.

Renz said the district has meetings most of the time twice a month, and Salisbury has never come to speak to district commissioners about his concerns with the sewerage or water systems.

When Salisbury's delinquent sewerage bill passed the \$300 mark, the district officially notified him it planned to disconnect him from the system, and would seek court compensation.

Salisbury's case for non-payment came before interim Justice Court Judge John Chevis, and the record shows Salisbury requested a jury trial.

Renz, who attended the trial and testified, said Salisbury again tried to air his concerns about the sewerage and water systems, but Chevis said the issues he raised were not pertinent to the case, which was brought against him because he was delinquent in paying his sewerage bill.

A six-member jury found Salisbury guilty of non-payment last October, and the judge ordered him to pay the delinquent bills, plus penalties and court costs or file an appeal within 30 days.

Adam said Salisbury did not appeal in a timely fashion, and he inherited the case from Chevis.

The state health department and the district have also filed charges against Salisbury because he is allegedly running his household sewerage into a septic tank in violation of county and health department regulations, according to records.

Trial has not been set on those charges.

Pass mayor vetoes public works plans

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

As promised, Pass Christian Mayor Billy McDonald has vetoed two actions of the Board of Aldermen pertaining to the city's public works director.

At a recessed meeting on Feb. 19, McDonald clashed with Ward 1 Aldermen Howard McKissack and Ward 3 Alderman Michael Antoine over the need to change the job description for the public works director and the process by which a new director would be selected.

McKissack said the new job description and the selection process was agreed to in a Jan. 29 workshop meeting of all five aldermen, but Ward 4 Alderman Don Moore said no agreement was reached at that meeting. Ward 2 Alderman Joe Piernas joined with McKissack and Antoine to approve the new job description. Moore and Alderman-at-large Leo "Chipper" McDermott voted against. Afterwards, all five aldermen approved the new selection process.

After passage of the two proposals, McDonald announced he planned to veto both. However, the mayor had to wait until receiving the official minutes of the recessed meeting to exercise his veto.

McDonald received the printed minutes of the Feb. 19 meeting from city clerk Vikki Goff on Tuesday, and promptly exercised his veto.

The mayor cited three reasons for his veto:

"I do not think it is necessary to create a new job description for the public works director, which would include the supervision of the utility department," McDonald said. "The new job description is neither practical or workable for our public works department and the utility department."

McDonald added there are not sufficient funds within the budget to increase the salary of the Public Works Director, who is now paid \$29,000 annual-

ly. McDonald appointed seven-year veteran Mike Pavlisick as interim public works director last October after 12-year-veteran Billy Billingsley resigned for "personal reasons."

At the recessed meeting, he praised Pavlisick's performance, and he said under the new job description, he doubted Pavlisick would be qualified to apply. It would take four votes to override the veto at the next meeting on March 5.

Barbour is speaker at March 15 dinner

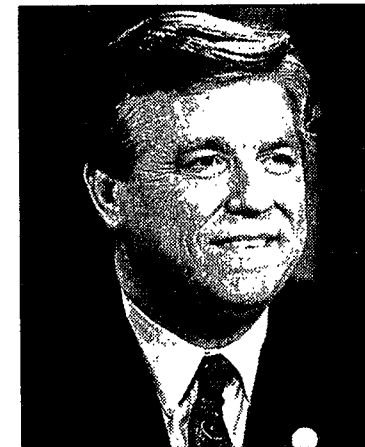
The Hancock County Republican Club will host an informal dinner Friday, March 15 honoring former National Republican Committee Chairman Haley Barbour, of Yazoo City.

The event will be held at the Waveland Holiday Inn, corner of Hwy. 90 and Hwy. 603 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Diane Bridges of Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements for the event.

Barbour served as Republican National Committee chairman under former U.S. President George H. Bush. He was also a former candidate for the U.S. Senate from Mississippi, Bridges said.

"He will address such topics as redistricting, free trade and other subjects of local, regional, and national



Haley Barbour

concern," Bridges added. The evening's activities will get under way with an informal question-and-answer period that will be followed by dinner beginning at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 dollars per person and will be available for advance purchase from Bridges at telephone 228-467-2174 until the deadline March 10.

K of C blood drive March 17

The Knights of Columbus Council 1522 is sponsoring a blood drive Sunday, March 17.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Corr promoted to manager of Hancock Bank branch

Hancock Bank assistant vice president and Bay St. Louis native Amy M. Corr will manage the bank's main Bay St. Louis branch at 100 South Beach Boulevard, according to a recent announcement by Hancock Bank President and Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel.

Corr follows Jerry Heitzmann as branch manager. Heitzmann, also from Bay St. Louis, recently retired after 18 years of service with Hancock Bank.

Loan officer Corr graduated from Bay St. Louis High School and attended

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. She completed all courses necessary to receive a general banking diploma from the American Institute of Banking (AIB) and graduate from the Mississippi School of Banking. Corr serves on the board of directors and as member services co-chairperson for the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. Secretary of the Bay St. Louis Rotary, she is also a member of the Hancock County Exchange Club, the Hancock County Historical Society, and Bay-Waveland Yacht Club.

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Grand opening

Pass Christian's newest merchant, Peacemakers Quilt Shop, 106 W. Second Street, owned by Michelle Hammons, held its ribbon cutting Feb. 8, sponsored by the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce. Denise Breland and Theresa Gatewood are both employees and moved over to the Pass shop with Hammons. Peacemakers also has a website, www.peacemakersquiltshop.com. They are a full-service quilt shop and have anything a quilter could ask for. Pictured are Darren Slade, left, Michelle and A.C. Smith, Mayor Billy McDonald and Hammons; behind her Rebecca Butler, Allan Hammons, Chamber President Steve Dick, Janis Slade, Denise Breland and Joseph Kennedy.

Contracting conference is next week

A two-day conference next week will offer lessons in doing business with the government, taught by some of the country's experts in federal and state purchasing.

The Mississippi Business/Procurement Opportunities Conference, to be held at the Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, will deliver a full day of seminars on Wednesday and a trade show on Thursday.

Businesses can register by visiting the MCPC Web site at www.msccps.com, which also contains a full agenda, or calling (228) 396-1288. The cost for both days is \$125; for the trade show only, the cost is \$25. The deadline for registration is Friday, March 1.

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Entertainment



Glass Menagerie cast

The cast has been selected for The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams, the next production of Bay St. Louis Little Theatre under the direction of Ray Kutos. The players Walter Williams, seated, who portrays Tom Wingfield, and LaDonna Darrah, cast as his sister, Laura; standing, Scott Darrah, playing the Gentleman Caller, and Sandy Higdon, cast as Amanda Wingfield. Production dates are March 29, 30 and April 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. at the Boardman Avenue Playhouse. For information, call 467-2587.

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Earth Fest is a fun way for people to learn about saving the environment. Exhibitors representing groups from the non-profit and governmental sectors as well as businesses involved with environmental issues will help zoo visitors answer questions for prizes from McDonald's on the Earth Quest game, sponsored by McDonald's.

Other activities throughout the zoo include the Litter Critters Tent... hands-on family fun where toys are created from recyclable trash.

You can't have a festival without food and music in New Orleans, and Earth Fest is no exception. Tasting Louisiana fare (chicken and sausage gumbo, shrimp po-boys, crabcakes with crawfish sauce and more) and local musical groups will be featured both days of Earth Fest.

Folk artists from across the Southeast will debut works for sale such as bird houses, art and jewelry made of recycled materials and painted steel sculptures throughout the festival.

For some Florida fun New Orleans style, the Florida Citrus Tour is stopping in for Earth Fest at Audubon Zoo.

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"oranges" while parents put their feet up in a massage chair surrounded by citrus aromatherapy.

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Classical guitarist Giovanni DeChiaro and mezzo soprano Sarah Ellen Hogrefe will be the featured artists as Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce sponsors its second annual Music in the Air concert Sunday, March 3 at 3 p.m. at Palace in the Pass.

Tickets are \$50 for patrons and \$20 general admission.

Patron admission includes reserved seating and a pre-concert cocktail party at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available from the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce, Hillyer House, Southern Printing and Russell's Service Center.

DeChiaro, a favorite of Coast audiences, is an internationally-renowned guitarist best known for his original guitar transcriptions of famous works.

DeChiaro's latest CD is "The Wedding Album," featuring his arrangement of Pachelbel's famous "Canon in D" and other wedding music.

DeChiaro, who is professor of classical guitar at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, has performed all over the world, including at the Vatican for Pope John Paul II, at the White House twice and at Carnegie Hall.

Mezzo soprano Sarah Ellen Hogrefe holds a vocal performance degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

She performs regularly as a featured soloist with the Hattiesburg Meister-singers and has been a regular performer on the operatic stage. Hogrefe will perform a variety of operatic arias, art song and Broadway favorites.

The setting for the musical afternoon is Palace in the Pass, at 401 E. Scenic Drive in Pass Christian.

The concert is a benefit to raise money for matching grant scholarships from the National Service Foundation for high school seniors.

Black History Month

Hancock NAACP honors the best and brightest at Clarke Memorial

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The Hancock County Branch of the NAACP held its nineteenth annual Thomas P. Clarke Memorial Black History Month Program on Saturday afternoon at the Bay St. Louis Train Depot, drawing a bright group of young men and women as contestants.

The program featured an array of presentations which included such topics as tributes to a beloved grandfather; African American baseball players; animator Floyd Norman; NAACP president Daisey Bates; and Duke Ellington; poems by Maya Angelou; self composed poems; gospel songs; and speeches.

The program opened with a welcome by Bill Johnson and Mistress of Ceremonies Donna Holton, followed by an invocation by Rev. A. Francis Theriault; words by Nathaniel Fairconnetue, anthem by Sheila Twiggs, and words of inspiration by Judge Dalton Roberson.

Also offering words of wisdom was Bay/Waveland math teacher Averie Bush.

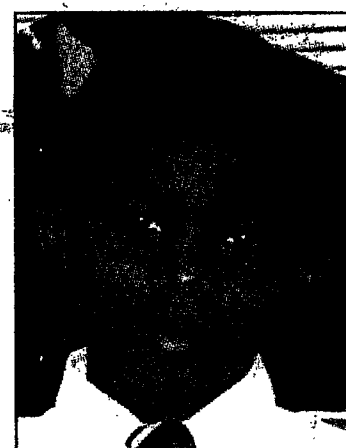
"Black history is not something you dig up somewhere in a book or something that happened a long time ago," said Bush. "Look around you ... some of the people in this room are like some of the people you are talking about ... you are black history, with everything you do."

Marguis Whavers surprised everyone by changing his topic to a warming tribute to his beloved grandfather, Clarence Harris, who, Whavers said, was a positive in his life.

Otto Singleton delighted the audience with his tribute to Duke Ellington, accompanied by background music from a recording of Ellington's



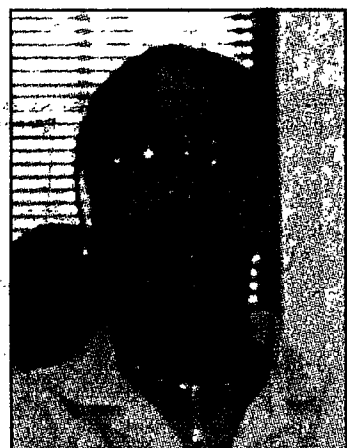
Mrs. Thomas P. Clarke, co-founder of the Thomas P. Clarke Memorial Black History Month Program, at the program's 19th annual banquet and awards ceremony Saturday with Donna Holton, who hosted the event.



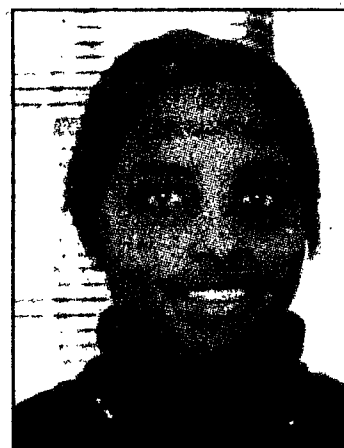
Winner of the 9/10 year old group was Marquis Whavers for a tribute to his grandfather Clarence Harris.



Winner of the 11/12 year old group was Otto Singleton for a tribute to jazz musician Duke Ellington.



Winner of the 13-15 year old group was Chanelle Montgomery, for an original poem and performance of a song.



Winner of the 16-19 year old group was Eboni Nichols for a tribute to "Strong Black Women."

music. Ellington became a musician, singleton said, when his parents did not approve of his dream to become a baseball player.

Chanelle Montgomery presented and original composition paying tribute to the strength past African Americans found in music and their part in music history, accompanied by a per-

formance of an old Negro gospel song. Eboni Nicholas presented an original composition praising strong black women.

"Strong black women give praise and glory to God first," Nicholas began. "Being for women does not mean I am anti-man ... a strong black woman gives credit and takes some for

herself..."

Presentations of awards was performed by Bay St. Louis Ward 3 Councilman Tom Farve, Stella Mitchell, Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo and Goldie Fairconnetue.

"All of you here who participated are winners," Farve said.

Rev. Lee E. Morris, Sr.

offered closing remarks, with a benediction given by his son Rev. Lee Morris, Jr. Refreshments followed the ceremony. Monthly meetings of the NAACP are held on second Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Valena C. Jones Church, in Bay St. Louis. For membership information call Donna Holton at 466-0973.

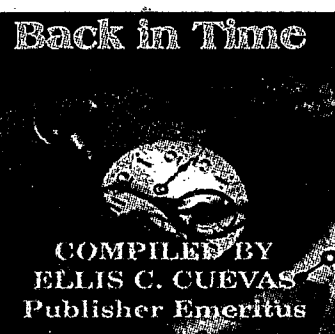
1952 - Bay man arrested hauling 153 gallons of booze

TEN YEARS AGO

February 12, 1992 - Superintendent Robert Magee announced his retirement Monday at the Bay St. Louis-Waveland school board meeting. Central office staff member Dominic Favre said, "It was a bombshell to everybody in the room, including me."

School board president Linda Penrose commented, "When I opened the folder and read the letter, my heart fell. We're going to miss him. When I read the letter out loud, I looked around the room, and I could see tears in people's eyes. With Mr. Magee the kids have had good leadership. He's been a fine example, someone to look up to. We're going to hate to see him go."

Magee's retirement is effective June 30. He has served in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District



for 36 years, beginning as a teacher, moving up to elementary school principal and from there to junior high and high school principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent since 1989.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

February 14, 1982 - Willie E. Bradley, Jr., Bay Senior High basketball coach, will serve as Grand Marshal of the Krewe of Real People parade in Bay St. Louis Mardi Gras Day, February 23.

Bardley has worked in the Bay School system for 22 years where he also teaches health and physical education, driver education and traffic safety.

- King Nereus is Mr. Arthur J. (Pete) Chapman, III, of Waveland. He is the owner of Chapman Business Service in Bay St. Louis. He is a member of the board of directors of Peoples Federal Savings & Loan Association, the St. Clare School Board, is a eucharistic minister and choir director of St. Clare Church and an alumni of St. Stanislaus School in Bay St. Louis.

FORTY YEARS AGO

February 8, 1962 - Regulations governing the subdivision of land located in Bay St. Louis into two or more parcels, any part being less than 10 acres, were adopted unanimously

by the city's mayor and commission council at its regular session Monday, effective on and after March 10, 1962. Bay High seniors Ronnie Peterson and Bobby Van Calsem Tuesday signed football scholarships to Pearl River Junior College.

Van Calsem, rugged 190-pound line-lunger from his fullback position, was named outstanding Gulf Coast Conference following completion of the season.

Peterson, quarterback of the Bay High team which compiled a 6-2-1 record, is also an outstanding basketball player.

- Leo Seal, Jr., chairman of the NASA Airport Subcommittee, reported that consultation with NASA authorities at Huntsville and with Keesler Air Force Base indicated the need for an airport 500 feet wide with a 4,000-foot surfaced runway 75 feet wide.

This size would accommodate the twin engine conventional aircraft usually used for short trips by government officials and others expected to visit the NASA installation frequently. Seal added that he felt the necessary federal approval was possible by April, and Beat 5 Supervisor R.G. Hubbard, chairman of the Coordinating Committee, who had worked with Seal on this matter, said he thought the county's portion of the expenses involved could easily be handled once matching federal funds would be matching the value of the current facilities.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

February 8, 1952 - Bay man arrested for hauling 'booze.' A Bay St. Louis man was arrested last week while driving a panel truck containing 153 gallons of

'moonshine liquor' on the Jackson Landing Road south of Picayune, Sheriff Buford Walker and Night Marshal Willie Estes Moody of Picayune stated.

According to Moody, he had seen the truck on several occasions and was suspicious. On stopping the truck Sunday to investigate, the Marshal found the truck to be loaded with 'booze' in gallon jars. The driver was held in the Pearl River County Jail in Poplarville, and he said he was delivering the contents of the truck to a man in Columbia.

The home-made liquor was poured out in the sewer in front of Picayune City Hall with some saved for evidence. The driver was released under bond pending a hearing. He is charged with possession of illegal liquor, and the maximum sentence is a \$500 fine, and the minimum is a \$100 fine.

The Sea Coast Echo

SPORTS

Triplett, Grieves have Tigers on prowl

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

This is part four of a five-part series that features stories on the basketball programs of SSC, OLA, Bay High, Hancock, and Pass Christian.

The Bay High Tiger basketball program has enjoyed much success this past season. The Lady Tigers continued their dominance under the guidance of head coach Debbie Triplett while the boys squad has seen marked improvement under first-year head coach Danny Grieves.

The Lady Tigers are currently preparing for a state quarter-final matchup with Cleveland-East Side on Thursday, February 28 at 6:30 pm in Jackson. The Lady Tigers sport a 25-8 record while the boys team advanced to the semi-finals of the Division 8 Class 4A tournament. The Tigers scored a major upset over host team Gautier to advance. The Tigers lost a semi-final matchup with the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws and finished the season at 12-17.

The Lady Tigers are a young team, age-wise. However, when it comes to experience the Lady Tigers are one of the oldest around. There is only one senior on the squad, Sharmaine Rieux. The Lady Tigers will return all five starters in 2003.

Right now, the starting quintet for the Lady Tigers are Stephanie Reed, Kendra Reed, Carmen Labat, LaMonica James, and Felicia Thomas. The top two players off the bench for Bay High are Rieux and Crystal Skretching.

Carmen Labat, Division 8 Co-Defensive Player of the Year, is the team's leading scorer averaging 14.6 points per game followed closely by

Division 8 MVP Kendra Reed with 14.5 points. Kendra Reed also leads the team with 7.8 rebounds per game. Stephanie Reed, Division 8 Co-Defensive Player of the Year, is the team's other scorer that averages double-digits with 12.6 points. LaMonica James hits the boards hard for Bay High averaging 6.1 per game.

Bay High stormed through their division schedule with a 9-1 record and are poised to win the division tournament once again.

But, one thing keeps puzzling head coach Debbie Triplett. As talented as this team is, the little things seem to be holding them back. Triplett added, "Like our teams in the past, this team is very athletic. Perhaps the most athletic we have had here at Bay High. But, the little things keep them from being consistent on the court. They need to refine the little things while they are on the court."

Athleticism is not a problem with this team. Earlier in the season, the team was down 18 points in the second period to Stone County and came back to win the game in double-overtime. There is no question that the Lady Tigers can play with anyone on the Gulf Coast. The real question is how well will they do the little things during the game.

The ball is back in the Lady Tigers' court. Press on Bay High! Triplett believes her team can do well in Jackson for the State Tournament but only if they focus on correcting the little things. Focus and intensity keep a team in a close game during this time of the year. The Lady Tigers have the muscle to make it. Now, they need to work on their concentration to take the next

step. Take the next step, Bay!

The boys squad has seen some marked improvement since hiring Danny Grieves as their head coach. Grieves came to Bay High from Morton High School where he won a state championship in 1998. His coaching philosophy and attitude on the court revolves around one motto "MTXE-mental toughness and extra effort."

The Tigers recently defeated the homestanding Gautier Gators and advanced to a semi-final matchup with the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws in the division tournament. Bay High has been inconsistent on the court all season; however, the improvement is very evident to anyone who has seen them play in the past and this season. There is a sense of pride, competitiveness, and discipline in the program.

While younger players are receiving the bulk of the minutes, there are four seniors who have bought into the Grieves' mentality. Eric Hunt, Leif Dasco, Michael Simpkins, Byron Taylor, and Johnny Hozey all will graduate in the spring. There were times when the seniors were not buying into what their roles were on the team and were benched by Grieves. Nevertheless, the lack of playing time eventually won out and the seniors began to see the light.

Down the final stretch, the seniors have been instrumental in swinging the younger players into the game plan. Since they have come to an understanding of their roles, all the seniors have seen the court a considerable amount more.

Grieves and the Tigers broke the season into three parts - out of district play, district games, and the district tournament. The lat-

ter being the most important. The reason for it to be the most important is that the season is down to one game.

Grieves maintains that no matter what you do on a basketball court, it all boils down to MTXE. Grieves stated, "Anything can happen in high school basketball. You do not need a superstar to play team ball. We have enough players to win the game but it comes back to MTXE. How much more of that will you have over your opponent."

The Tigers will lose their four seniors after the season. However, Grieves feels that graduation will be a good thing for the Tigers. He continued, "While our seniors will be sorely missed, we have some really fine younger players waiting in the wings. These seniors helped Bay High do some amazing things. We put more fans in the stands this season. We participated in big region tournaments like War on the Shore and HoopsFest 2002. If the kids don't participate in games like that, how do we expect them to win big games. If they don't expose them to that type of atmosphere, then winning some of those games later on is an unrealistic goal."

Grieves added, "We have great kids in our program. We have kids that are proud to represent their school, themselves, family, and community in a positive manner. My father always said that if you surround yourself with good people, good things will happen."

The Tigers have experienced some things in 2001-02 that was new to them. Some they have succeeded with and others they have not. Rest assured that Grieves has the Tigers pointing in the right direction and on the prowl.

Diamond action heats up for Pass, Bay, Hancock teams

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

While area basketball teams are looking for that elusive gold ball which is emblematic of a state championship, the boys of summer have hit the diamonds around the county.

On Friday, February 22, Hancock no-hit SSC and tallied a 3-0 win to improve to 3-0 on the season. Hawk pitcher James Ball threw a no-hitter and struck out eight batters in the win. Seth McIntosh had a two-run single in the first inning to provide all the insurance that Hancock needed.

The Pass Christian Pirates edged Bay High 5-4 on Friday night. Robert Hargrove drove in two runs on his double to give Pass High the lead in the sixth inning. Jarod Malley tallied

two hits and an RBI for the Pirates while Dustin Allen allowed just four hits and struck out six on the mound.

On Saturday, February 23, the Long Beach Bearcats blanked the Pirates 3-0. Lane Jenkins struck out five batters and allowed just three hits on the mound for the Pirates. The six walked batters proved to be a downfall for Pass Christian.

Later in the day, the Bearcats held on for a 5-4 win over the Bay High Tigers in the Hancock Invitational. Guy Alleman led the Bay's tenacious comeback going 3-for-3 with a double, homerun, and

three RBIs.

Bay High doubled SSC 6-3 in the Hancock Invitational on Saturday. Brandon Strong and Jeremy Shiyu each had home runs in the game against the Rocks.

Pass Christian nipped homestanding Hancock 4-3 on Saturday in the Hawks' tournament. Corey Ladner doubled home the tying run and Robert Hargrove tallied the game-winning RBI for the Pirates. Lane Jenkins hit a dinger earlier in the game while Darren Henderson pitched five solid innings for the Pirates.

The Hawks finished the night with a loss to Mercy Cross 5-2.

Pass Ladies Golf results

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Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association Feb. 19 Blind Partners winners include:

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers & Lady Hawks to storm the Capitol

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Hancock Lady Hawks and the Bay High Lady Tigers will both make the trip to the "Big House" for the state basketball tournament. The Lady Hawks will go to Jackson as the No. 2 seed from the South 5A following a 61-42 loss in the South State finals to Wayne County. The Lady Tigers will be the No. 3 seed in the South Class 4A after defeating Northeast Lauderdale 51-44.

Hancock guaranteed themselves of a trip to Jackson on Friday, February 22, by defeating the Moss Point Lady Tigers and Prep All-American Brandee Fry 58-52. This marks the first trip back to the Capitol for the Lady Hawks since the 1999-00 season. Brooke and Devin Necaise had the hot hands for the Lady Hawks in the win. Brooke Necaise led the Lady Hawks with 22 points and Devin Necaise was 8-for-8 at the free throw line in the fourth period to help Hancock seal the win.

Brooke Necaise started the final surge for the Lady Hawks with about 1:40 left to play in the game when she hit a three-pointer that put Hancock up 51-48. Devin Necaise finished off the Lady Tigers with her free throws.

Devin Necaise finished the night with 14 points while Latisha Shiyu added

12 points.

The win on Friday night set up a showdown with Wayne County (33-1) on Saturday afternoon. The Lady Hawks were ambushed by the Lady War Eagles as Wayne County jumped out to a 12-1 lead in the first period and a 35-14 lead at halftime.

Hancock head coach Pam Slayton commented, "Wayne County is an excellent team. They did not have many weaknesses tonight. They are solid all the way around."

Wayne County's only loss this season came to Moss Point. Wayne County was led by a trio of double-digit scorers in Rakesia Gray with 13 points followed by Carla Bartee and Natalie Jordan with 11 points each.

Hancock was paced by Devin Necaise with 16 points followed by Brooke Necaise with 8 and Courtney Craft with 7 points. Hancock (25-10) played Jackson Murrah in the state quarter-finals yesterday. Results of that match-up will be in Sunday's Echo.

The Bay High Lady Tigers are headed to the state Class 4A basketball tournament following a rousing 51-44 win over Northeast Lauderdale on Saturday, February 23, in Poplarville. The Lady Tigers will enter the state tournament as the No. 3 seed from the South.

Bay High dropped their

Friday night game against South Pike 53-50. The Lady Tigers had their shot at the win with Stephanie Reed at the charity stripe for the Lady Tigers with :04 left to play and the Tigers down 51-50. Reed's front-end rimmed out and South Pike picked up the loose ball and passed down court for a layup and the final mark of 53-50.

Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett stated, "South Pike was a very athletic team. We came out tight and a little nervous. We settled down and began to play our game. We prepared well for their press and were effective against it. However, our half-court offense was not working."

Bay High was led by Carmen Labat with 17 points followed by Kendra Reed with 10 points and 9 rebounds.

On Saturday, the Lady Tigers battled Northeast Lauderdale for the right to go to Jackson. In the end, Bay High won the battle 51-44 behind free throw shooting down the stretch. Northeast Lauderdale was within a basket 46-44 with :37 left. Their basket missed and Lady Tigers' Felicia Thomas hit four free throws and Stephanie Reed added two charity shots to make the final tally.

Triplett commented, "We came out tight again but settled down quicker. We had a good talk during half-time and the girls respond-

ed. We played a solid second half. It is good for this young team to make it to the state tournament. They will get this experience and, hopefully, it will make them want to go back."

Carmen Labat led all scorers with 14 points but missed most of the first half due to foul trouble. Kendra Reed scored 10 points and grabbed 15 rebounds while LaMonica James added 10 points in the win.

The Lady Tigers last made the state tournament in 1997-98 when they finished Class 4A state runner-up to Oxford High School. The Lady Tigers were led that year by Chanda Haley, Shannon Baker, and Alicia Gavagnie. The Lady Tigers (25-8) will play Cleveland-East Side High School on Thursday, February 28 at 6:30pm. Poplarville (25-2) is the Class 4A girls No. 1

seed from the South after behind Nikki Smith's 15 defeating South Pike 66-58 points.

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Pearl River swept by Meridian in women's, men's tennis action

Pearl River was swept by Meridian in women's and men's community college tennis action Friday.

The Lady Wildcats were defeated 5-4 and dropped to 1-2 overall, while the PRCC men evened their record at 1-1. In women's singles, Charlotte Heidelberg (MCC) defeated Leigh McCombs (PRCC) of Lumberton 6-0, 6-3; Megan Chivas (MCC) defeated defeated Leslie Miller (PRCC) of Poplarville 6-1, 7-5; Tannia McAtee (PRCC) of Petal defeated Casie Joyner (MCC) 6-2, 6-2; Tonya

Newton (PRCC) of Purvis defeated Anna Bailey (MCC) 2-6, 6-4 (9); Jill Hathorn (MCC) defeated Ashley Ponder (PRCC) of Bay High 5-7, 6-4 (9).

In women's doubles, Heidelberg-Chivas (MCC) defeated McCombs-McAtee (PRCC) 8-5; Bailey-Hathorn (MCC) defeated Miller-Newton (PRCC) 12-10; and Ponder-Altom (PRCC) won via forfeit.

In men's singles, Will Wiggins (MCC) defeated Ken Miller (PRCC) of Forrest County AHS 6-2, 6-3; Matt McElhaney (MCC)

defeated Matt Hughes (PRCC) of Hattiesburg High 6-3, 7-5; Bobby Barton (MCC) defeated Jonathan Barlow (PRCC) of Hattiesburg High 6-1, 6-0; Brad Dearman (MCC) defeated Patrick Cannon (PRCC) of Hancock County 6-0, 6-4.

Camille Soulier is in her fifth season as PRCC's men's and women's tennis coach.

PRCC returns to action Monday, March 4, when Mississippi Gulf Coast visits, while Hinds visits Thursday, March 7.

Area soccer players named All-State

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Mississippi Association of Coaches released their All-State soccer team by classes on Friday, February 22. Several area players were named to the team.

In girls Class 1A/2A/3A, Our Lady Academy had four players named to the first-team and one player named to the second team.

Forward Ashley Chrisman, midfielder Emily Meyers, midfielder Kara Harshbarger, and defender Julie Rebol made the team for the three-time state champion Crescents.

Ellen Ladner of OLA was named the keeper for the second team.

In Class 4A girls, midfielder Sky Thomas was named to the first-team for Bay High. The Lady Tigers advanced to the first round of the state playoffs.

In Class 4A boys, St. Stanislaus had five players named to the first team and two players named to the second team. Forward Peter Doty was named to the first team. Doty was also named an All-American by the USSSA. Midfielders Brennan Brooks and Kyle

Lewis were tabbed. Defenders Stephen Kulikowski and Jeremy Strickland were also named to the 4A team. Kulikowski was named an All-American

by the National Association of Soccer Coaches prior to the season. Midfielder Jeffrey Hansell and defender Bryce Breland were named to the second team.

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METAL ROOFING/SIDING - 6 COLORS galv. to 24ft. length. 38" wide-28 ga. galv., 99¢ ft. Colors. \$1.19 ft. V-crimp & corrug. 64¢ ft. Ridge cap, rake & corner, purlins \$1.00 ft. Roofing/Siding from \$14.90 sq. Ware-house Sales, Slidell, La Exit 263 I-10. (800)842-6646.

90 Pets

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93 Yard Sale

2-FAMILY YARD SALE RAIN OR SHINE. Sat. March 2, 8-3. 7450 Lakeshore Rd. Turn at the alligator on Hwy 90. Look for signs.

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HUGE MULTI FAMILY SALE. LADDER rack for Full Size truck. Furniture, etc. 8:00 1 Sat. 3/2 & Sun 3/3. 7623 Hancock Dr. Bayside Park.

LAKESHORE BAPTIST YOUTH yard sale: Saturday, March 2nd, 7:30am-1:30pm. 6915 Lower Bay Road on left before Kent & Sue's.

LOTS & LOTS OF WOMEN'S LG. Size clothing. 1X to 3X. excellent condition. 466-3474.

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MOVING SALE, SUN MAR. 3RD, 8:00-12:00. 1004 Buick Dr. off Long-fellow. Everything must go.

SAT. ONLY, 9:00-TILL. 1070 HWY 90. Little of everything.

WAVELAND GIANT ESTATE SALE Everything must go. Give away prices. Furniture, collectables, appliances, toys, tools, housewares, etc. 240 Third St. off Sears Ave. Fri. & Sat. 8-3.

YARD SALE 901 HERLIHY ST. Waveland. SAT. 8-2.

96 Wanted To Buy

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126 Campers/Motor Homes

92 HOLIDAY RAMBLER, CLASS A 33ft. 46,000 miles, 6.5 kw gen., new tires. Excellent condition. Many options. \$28,000. See at Lot 29. KOA Campground, BSL or call 931-580-4047.

128 Boats & Motors

BOAT FOR SALE, 19 FT. GALAXY, 4 cylinder, Mercury V/O, runs great needs deck. \$2750. Call 467-4266 or 255-0493.

130 Motorcycles

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136 Automobiles

1984 DODGE PICK-UP, just tuned up, runs good. \$1550. 466-4954.

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98 MUSTANG, AUTO, LIKE NEW, \$8995 or \$189 a month. 5 T-Tops, Camaro's, Trans-Am's, Avengers, G T Mustangs, Sports Import HQ. Jimmy Stockstill Motors. 1-800-798-9133.

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143 Real Estate Services

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148 Mobile Homes For Rent

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150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

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2 BEDROOM, CENTRAL A/H. Jordan River Shores. \$800. 255-1500.

2 BR. HOUSE IN WAVELAND, \$500 Month, \$500 Deposit. Pet Free. 263-9317.

2BR. HOUSE IN BSL. \$525/month. \$525/security deposit. 467-9278.

2BR. HOUSE IN PASS CHRISTIAN. \$575/month. \$575/security deposit. 467-9278.

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156 Lots/Acreage

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158 Commercial Property

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158 Commercial Property

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159 Houses For Sale

\$59,900, 3BR/1BA, DIAMONDHEAD Owner/agent, 255-0403 or 255-9398.

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BEAUTIFUL, NEW LAKEFRONT HOME offers spacious open floor plan with light carpet and tile, formal living room and great room with fireplace, french doors lead to private deck overlooking the lake, inside utility room. Master bath has whirlpool. Very private, at end of the Cul-De-Sac. \$94,500 (3B5)

WANT PRIVACY? You will have it all around in this large 4 bedroom 1 & 2.5 bath home with approx. 1,400 sq. ft. Location is even secluded and only 4 blocks away from the beach. Freshly paint job and a new roof makes this an unbeatable deal. \$70,000 (4B5)

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NOTICES

E OF SALE

Eric T. Hanz and delivered a Deed of Trust to Charles M. Jackson, Jr., Trustee for the use and benefit of North American Mortgage Company, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 546 at Page 683 thereof; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. as Trustee Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of September 1, 1998, Bear Stearns Asset-Backed Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 1999-2, by assignment on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 593 at Page 368 thereof; and

WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Lem Adams, III as Trustee thereon, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 673 at Page 300, thereof; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust so to do, notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams, III, Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcrier and sell the property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

the Western corner of the Township 8 South, Range 14 West, thence South 35 degrees 15 minutes East 660 feet to the place of Beginning, thence East 104 degrees 10 minutes North 330 feet to the place of Beginning, thence North 33 degrees 27 minutes East 271.9 feet, thence North 11 degrees 49 minutes East 104.6 feet, thence North 36 degrees 39 minutes East 291.5 feet, thence North 29 degrees 54 minutes East 182.4 feet, thence North 10 degrees 28 minutes East 72.4 feet, thence North 75 degrees 41 minutes West 280.5 feet, thence South 66 degrees 39 minutes West 218.9 feet to an existing gravel road.

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WITNESS my signature on this the 23rd day of January, 2002.

LEM ADAMS, III
Trustee

PREPARED BY: ADAMS & EDENS
Foreclosure Department
POST OFFICE BOX 400
BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI 39043
02/07/02 02/14/02 02/28/02

WHEREAS, on March 24, 1999, Scott M. Favre, and Wife, Vanessa W. Favre, executed a Deed of Trust to Charles M. Jackson, Jr., Trustee for the use and benefit of North American Mortgage Company, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 546 at Page 683 thereof; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. as Trustee Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of September 1, 1998, Bear Stearns Asset-Backed Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 1999-2, by assignment on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 593 at Page 368 thereof; and

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WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust so to do, notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams, III, Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcrier and sell the property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

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WITNESS my signature on this the 23rd day of January, 2002.

LEM ADAMS, III
Trustee

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2000, Marty J. Wright and Heather D. Acosta executed a Deed of Trust to Lem Adams, III, Trustee for the use and benefit of Option One Mortgage Corporation, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 598 at Page 759 thereof; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for registered holders of Option One Mortgage Loans Trust 2000-C, Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2000-C, by assignment on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 672 at Page 641 thereof; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust so to do, notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams, III, Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcrier and sell the property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, Square 16, Wave-land Highlands Subdivision, Town of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat of said subdivision on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.

WITNESS my signature, on this the 23rd day of January, 2002.

LEM ADAMS, III
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WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust so to do, notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams, III, Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcrier and sell the property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

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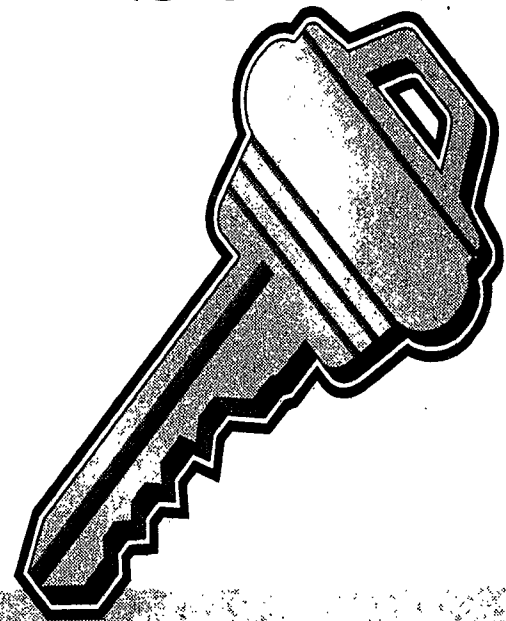
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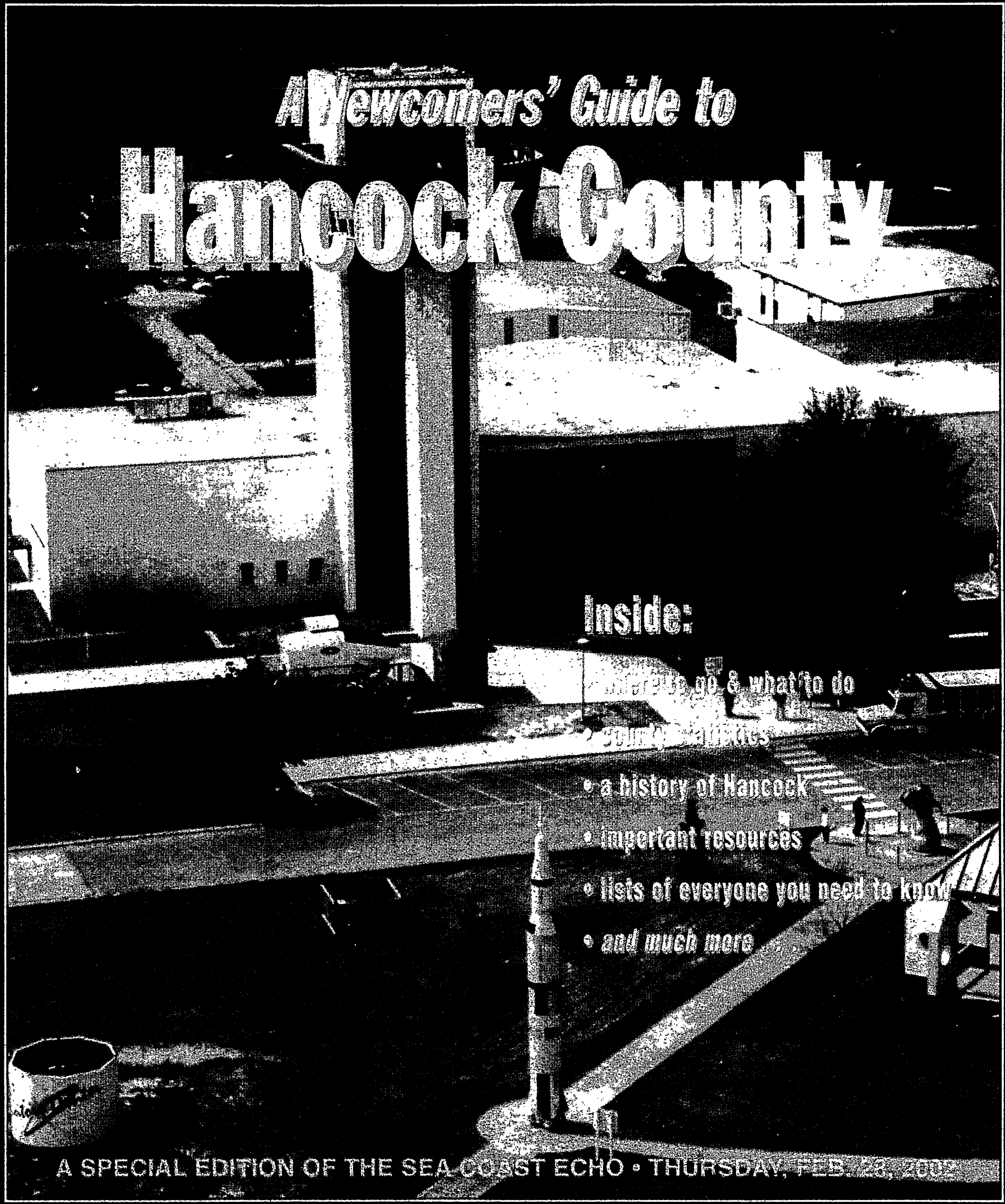
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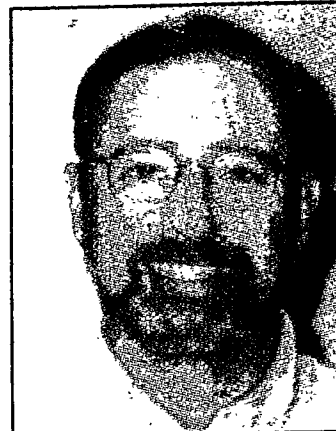
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Welcome to Hancock County, Mississippi! Located on the Gulf of Mexico, near New Orleans, Hancock County combines stately antebellum homes and rich traditions of a proud past with the fast-paced life style of a booming resort area featuring casino gaming.

Bay St. Louis is the county seat and celebrated its tricentennial in 1999.

The sister city of Waveland is located just a couple of miles down the



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beach and a little to the north, just off Interstate 10, is the resort community of Diamondhead. Other communities in the county include Kiln, Pearlinton, Lakeshore, Clermont Harbor, Perkinston, White Cypress, Crane Creek and Necaise Crossing.

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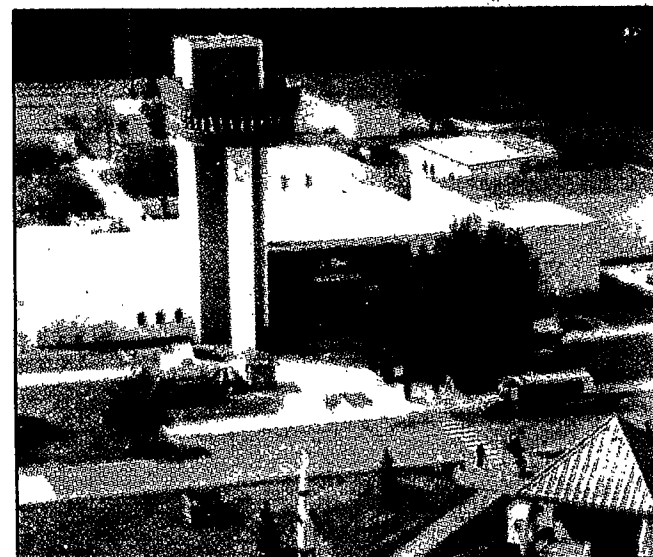


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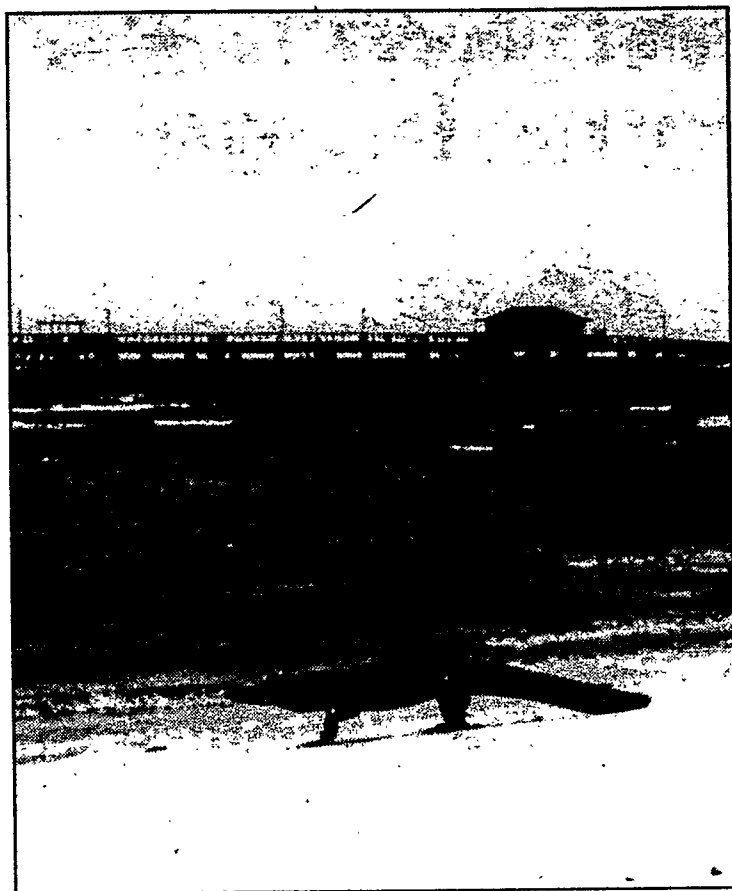
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ECHO STAFF REPORT

Whether you're a new resident or just visiting the area, one of your first stops should be the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.

Chartered in 1925 by the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club, it was originally called the Bay St. Louis Chamber of Commerce.

On Nov. 9, 1945, it was renamed the Hancock

County Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber is a voluntary organization of business and professional men and women who have joined together to promote the economic, civic and social well-being of Hancock County, with a particular emphasis on economic development.

The Hancock Chamber is governed by a board of 19 directors, 15 of which are elected for alternating three-year terms, five of which are appointed by the president annually. We also have a student director appointed from each area high school.

Day-to-day office operations include providing:

- Packets of information to welcome newcomers to the area and others making inquiries about the area.
- Listings and business referrals to chamber members.
- General information and statistical information on our community.

An important aspect of the chamber is its committees. Major programs are conceived and set into motion through several in committees including Economic Development, Education, Environment, Member Services, Beautification and Ambassador.

They are very active on a number of projects. Committees include the Gateway Enhancement Project, Anti-litter Campaign, Community Education and a Business and Industry Expo.

Why join the Hancock Chamber?

The chamber is over 625 members strong, representing over 4,000 employees.

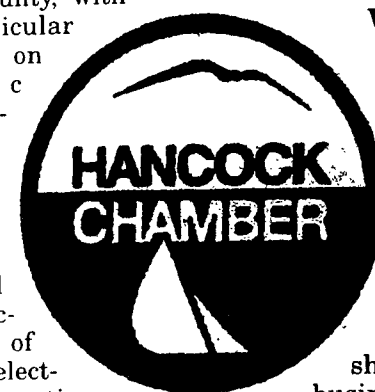
Its membership includes business and professional leaders, retired business men and women and government and community leaders.

It is an exciting time to be a part of the Hancock Chamber, which represents the third fastest growing county in the state.

Hancock County has seen nearly a 30 percent increase in population and business over the past nine years. The chamber is growing right along with the community at a rate of about 25-30 percent in membership increase as well.

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Every day's a party in Hancock County

ECHO STAFF REPORT

To steal a phrase from TV's Chef Emeril Lagasse – every day's a party in Hancock County.

While Emeril was praising the festive atmosphere of nearby New Orleans, Hancock County knows how to throw a good party of its own – and frequently does, all year long.

From the Krewe of Selene kicking off Mardi Gras celebrations each year to the Waveland Festival of Lights winding up the Christmas season, Hancock County's calendar is full of festivals, traditional celebrations, annual activities and spontaneous events.

At the beginning of each year as the Mardi Gras season approaches, clubs and organizations begin their balls and parade plans. Bay St. Louis, Waveland, Diamondhead, and Pass Christian boast of some of the oldest and most unique festivals along the Coast.

The Krewe of Selene of Diamondhead traditionally kicks off the season with the earliest parade in mid-January. As February rolls around, the Krewe of Kids, Nereids, Diamondhead, St. Paul, and Real People celebrate their way to Fat Tuesday.

Whether March blows in as a lion or a lamb, events center around the approaching spring. Hancock County Chamber of Commerce sponsors an annual Beach Clean-up which involves schools, families, businesses and individuals.

The annual Voices of Hope Peace Festival brings together civic and business leaders with community and government officials to celebrate the benefits and hopes of a peaceful world.

The Waveland Civic Association's St. Patrick's Day Parade grows larger and longer with each passing year.

The Gulf Coast Pilgrimage celebrated from Ocean Springs to Waveland, centers itself, this year, with opening

events in the Bay that will bring some 2,000 visitors to Bay St. Louis.

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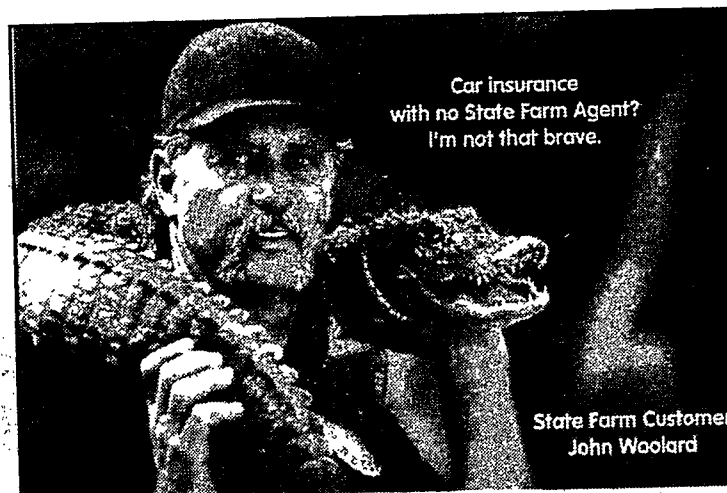
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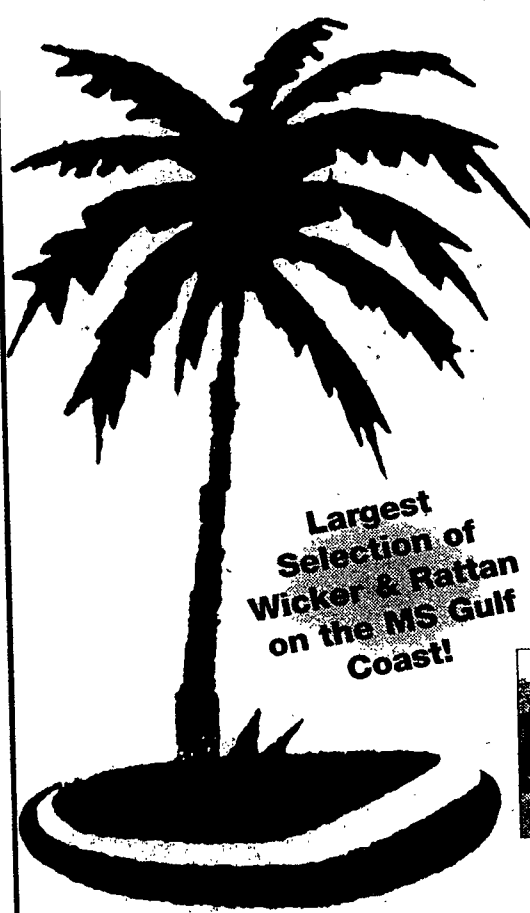
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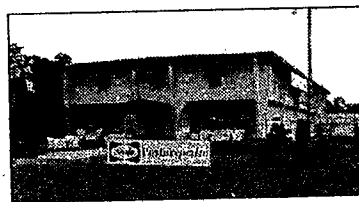
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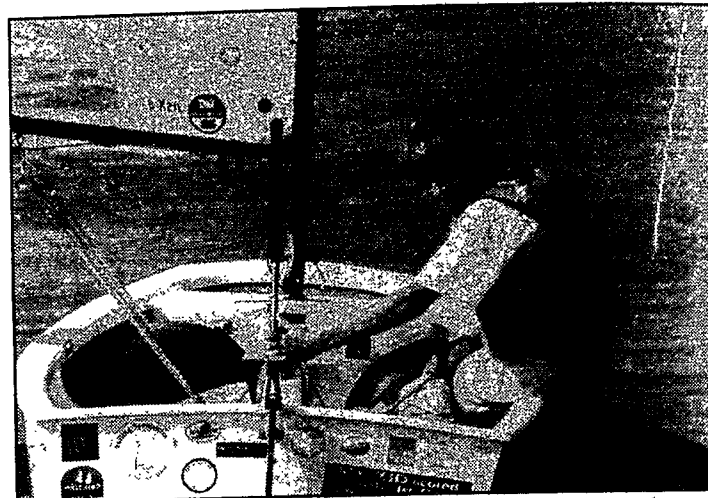
Casinos, tourism and technology help Hancock sail into very bright future

ECHO STAFF REPORT Thanks to tourism, the implementation of the casino industry and emerging technologies, Hancock County – along with the rest

of the Mississippi Gulf Coast – has enjoyed a period of unheralded growth over the past five years.

The latest figures from the recent U.S. Census show Hancock County as the third-fastest growing county in the state and far outpacing the other two coastal counties, Harrison and Jackson.

Total population in the three Mississippi Gulf Coast counties grew by 17 percent to approximately 364,000 over the past 10 years, making it hands-down the fastest growing region in the state. The figures show the Coast gained more residents than other populous parts of Mississippi, including



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Tunica, where there is also gambling; and Hinds County, where the state's

central government offices are located.

Census 2000 figures show Hancock County with 42,967 residents, a gain of 35.3 percent from the 1990 population of 31,760.

Although Hancock County grew by the least number of people, the percentage gain of 35.3 percent was the third highest in the state, behind Desoto and Rankin Counties.

Harrison County has a population of 189,601, a gain of 14.7 percent from the 165,365 recorded in 1990. Jackson County recorded 131,420 residents, a 14 percent jump from the 115,243 residents recorded in 1990.

Mississippi's population went from 2.5 million in 1990 to 2.8 million in 2000, representing a growth of 10.5 percent.

Accordingly, the county's government and infrastructure have had to expand and evolve over the past few years to help accommodate the rapid population growth.

Both the county and city school systems have erected new schools; state and federal funds have been allocated for major bridge and road projects; and the county and city governments have undertaken monumental new water, drainage, sewerage and wastewater projects in order to better serve the people.

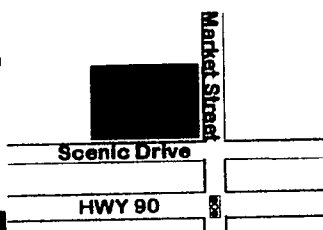
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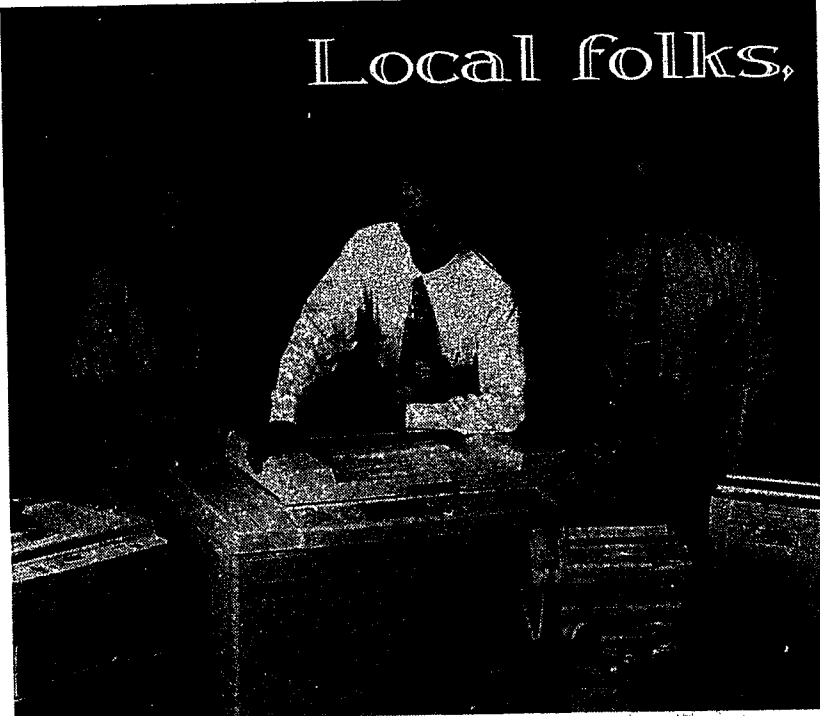
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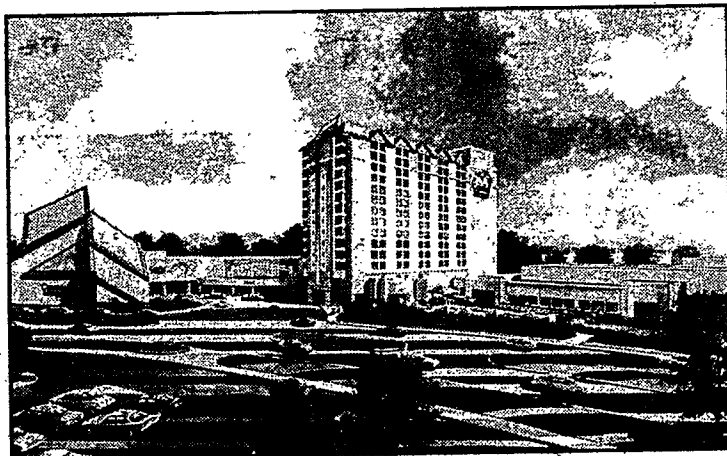
Welcome to Hancock County. Hancock County is one of the best-kept secrets along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Its charm is never-ending. You can fish the Gulf from the Garfield Ladner Municipal Pier in Waveland or catch a wave at Buccaneer State Park's wavepool. Take an educational nature walk through the Crosby Arboretum in Picayune or canoe the Jourdan River. Wherever you look, Hancock County's beauty is obvious and by now, you also know that its people are some of the friendliest you'll ever meet.

Take a stroll along Main Street in Bay St. Louis and explore the many art galleries and antique shops. Or, partake in a leisurely stroll along the beachy shoreline and watch the sandpipers chase the tide.

It's easy to see why both residents and guests enjoy it here. Everyone moves at an enjoyable, relaxing pace. But don't be fooled into thinking that relaxing means sleepy. There's plenty of excitement, too. For more excitement, look no further than your own backyard. Visit Hancock County's only casino, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis, for 24-hour gaming fun. With 1,150 of your favorite slots and 38 table games, there's something for everyone.

Casino Magic provides star-studded entertainment throughout the year.

There's always free entertainment in the main lobby and ticketed concerts several times a month in the Magic Entertainment Complex. A variety of super stars have graced the stage at Casino Magic. Some names include Tim McGraw, Paul Anka, the Go-Go's, Tom Jones, Lou Rawls, The Neville Brothers, Hootie and the Blowfish and others.



An artist's rendering of Casino Magic Bay St. Louis with its new 14-story hotel tower, which is now under construction and due to be complete by June 2002. For more information about the casino or its services, call 467-9257.

Casino Magic is also home to The Bridges, the only championship golf course built right next to a casino on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Because of the golf course and casino location, it is convenient to stay and play (golf and gaming). The Bridges is a public 18-hole, 72-par beauty, built by the Arnold Palmer Design Group. Palmer has even been seen on the links a time or two, himself!

The Bridges is a challenging course, but golfers keep coming back to conquer each hole and to enjoy its awe-inspiring beauty. Often, there is wildlife such as fox and osprey spotted along scenic holes. Be careful of the friendly alligators sunning themselves along several waterfront holes.

Besides the many views, the course has 21 wooden cart bridges, which is how its name was derived.

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Bay Tower is the Mississippi Gulf Coast's newest casino hotel and is a great getaway, even if you live just a few miles away. Casino Magic also offers accommodations at Casino Magic Inn, a 200-room hotel. Both hotels offer golf

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County boasts two major parks, along with golf, fishing, hunting, boating

ECHO STAFF REPORT

Hancock County is the home of two public parks, Buccaneer State Park and McLeod Water Park, which are open year-around. Buccaneer, located two miles off Highway 90 on Beach Boulevard in Waveland, features a seasonal wave pool, water slide, wading pool, game room, tennis courts, basketball courts, play areas, nature trail, outdoor amphitheater, seasonal camps

and great Gulf fishing.

Colorful legends of smuggling and piracy along the Gulf Coast by Jean Lafitte and his followers led to the park's naming.

The French buccaneer was said to have even inhabited the old Pirate house, once located in Waveland.

The park site, also known as Jackson's Ridge, was used as a base of military operations by Andrew Jackson during the Battle of New Orleans.

Jackson later returned to the area and built a house on land that is now part of Buccaneer park.

In addition to primitive campsites, the park has available 500 hook-ups for water and

electricity, of which 149 also have sewer and cement parking slabs.

Activities include two tennis courts, a basketball court, a shuffleboard diagram and a game room containing video games, pinball machines, pool tables and a tennis table. A wading pool, up to four-feet deep and separate from the water park, is located near the activity building within the camping complex.

Throughout the camping area are bathhouses, picnic tables and grills. There is a laundry facility and dumping station.

A camp store and souvenir shop are open during the summer months. A non-denominational worship service is conducted every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. from Easter to Labor Day.

Two picnic pavilions are available for use and several picnic tables and grills are located throughout the park. Another area, located under a canopy of trees and across from the beach, is available for day visitors and offers picnic tables, grills and playground equipment.

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plex contains a wade pool with cascading water, a wave pool and double-flumed water slide.

The wave pool is surrounded by multi-level decking ideal for sunbathing, an observation deck, showers, rafts and a fast-food service.

McLeod Water Park, spread among 328 acres of rolling woodlands and divided by the Jourdan River, offers a serene retreat for locals and visitors.

The park's entrance is located north of I-10, off Highway 603, south of the Jourdan River and west along Texas Flat Road.

The park was named in honor of Albert J. and Virginia 'Aunt Gin' McLeod. Albert McLeod was a pioneer timberman from South Carolina who settled on the Jourdan River location in the early 1900s.

Here he established a large sawmill, stave mill, planer mill, turpentine plant and general mercantile store, employing about 500 people.

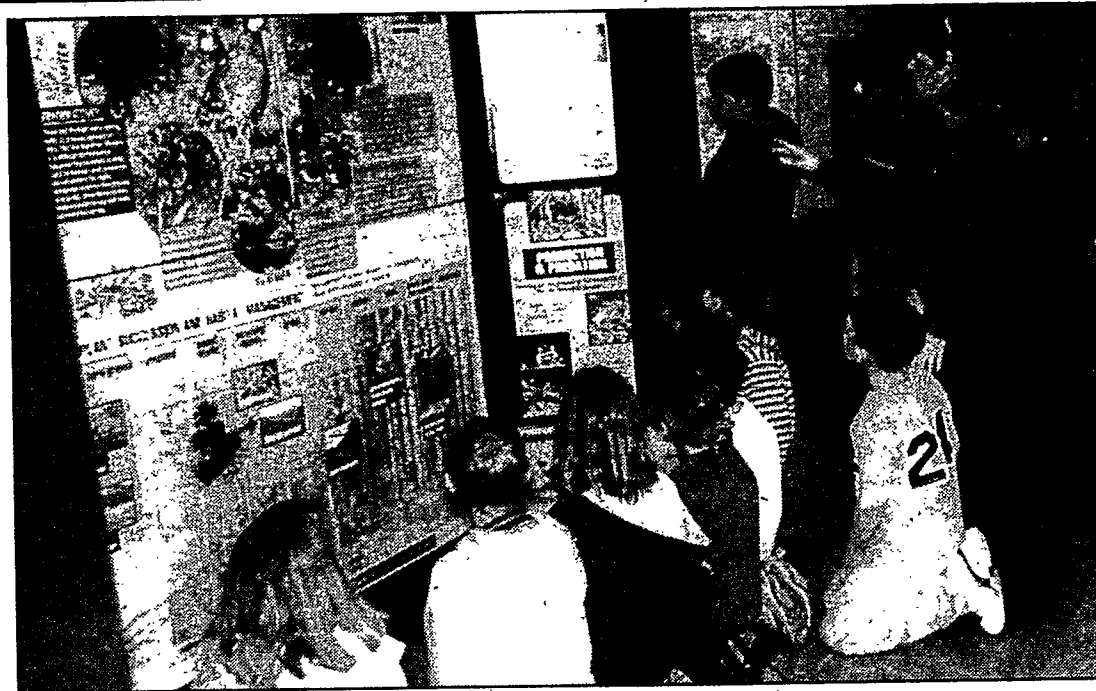
Following his death in 1931,

operation of the old store was continued on a limited basis by Aunt Gin, until her death in 1973 at the age of 95.

Albert McLeod also was a member of the county board of supervisors and a member of the original commission appointed to build the Hancock County seawall.

The property itself is within the National Aeronautics and Space Administration buffer zone surrounding John C. Stennis Space Center.

The Pearl River Basin Development District accepted the park's deed with the obligation to condition development of park facilities. McLeod offers 70 camping sites. Forty-one of those sites have water and electrical hook ups. There are no sewer hook-up facilities. The park has two pavilion areas with picnic tables and grills, a baseball field and boat launch. Canoes and paddle boats are available for daily rental.



Recreation and nature go hand-in-hand with education in the Hancock County 4-H Club, sponsored by the Mississippi State University Extension Service and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. For more information or to join, call Wade Ladner at the County Extension Office at 467-5456.

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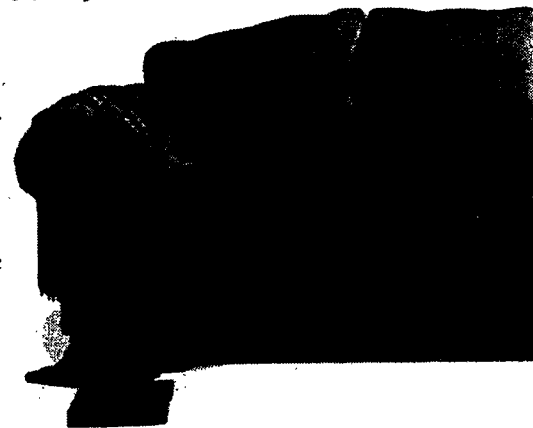


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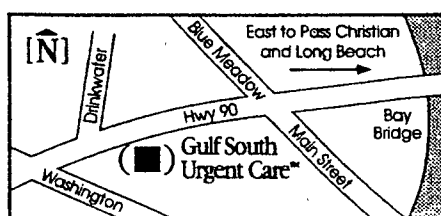
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Jean Baptiste Bienville originally named Bay St. Louis in August of 1699 after King Louis

IX of France. The first European settlers, moving into the area later that year, enjoyed friendly relations with the Choctaws already living there. In 1721, a Madame de Mezieres sent some 30 people to the area of what is now Felicity Street to settle a 17,000 acre land grant she received from King Louis XIV.

After the French and Indian War, the Bay St. Louis settlement was given to England in 1763. Following the American Revolution, Spain was given the area in 1793.

Thomas Shields, who received a Spanish land grant on the shore of the bay almost a century after Bienville's landing, began cultivating in 1800, and his grant became known as Shieldsborough. The town was originally incorporated under

that name in 1858. However, the town was again incorporated in 1875, this time as Bay St. Louis.

By that time, the town had been in the United States for 64 years, Hancock County for 63, and the state of Mississippi for 58 years. Bay St. Louis, at the time of incorporation under its present name, already had a good reputation as a resort town. The Civil War had but little effect on the town's existence.

Since Louisiana had outlawed dueling around 1870, Bay St. Louis became a popular site for New Orleanians with quarrels to shoot it out. The town is also the location of Mississippi's last documented duel, which occurred in April of 1874.

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from its start, been a popular weekend and summer haunt for New Orleanians, dueling and non-dueling.

By the turn of the century, the town boasted several hotels and summer "cottages", as well as a health resort, an opera house and a vineyard. Even today, many visitors are from the neighboring state, as well as many transplanted residents.

Bay St. Louis was the site of the first Hancock bank, founded in 1899 as Hancock County Bank, and the location of one of the coast's oldest newspapers, The Sea Coast Echo, established in 1891. Since its beginning, the Echo has missed publishing only two issues. The Bay also can claim the coast's first seawall.

The city is now in the midst of a period of almost unparalleled growth.

Over the past couple of years, at least one new business per month has

opened its doors to customers; real estate development has stepped up exponentially; and the Bay St. Louis City Council has begun and completed several long-term projects to increase tourism, attract new industry and drastically improve the lives of the city's residents.

Bay St. Louis was also named one of the top art havens in the United States, and will further that reputation beginning next month with the BayArts 2002 Open Studio Tour, a tour featuring 14 artists' studios, five art exhibits, 10 art galleries and instruction and demonstrations by local master artists.

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Waveland City Hall on Coleman Ave. was originally constructed as the Waveland School.

Waveland, 'Hospitality City,' really lives up to its nickname

BY BENNIE
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Staff Writer

The City of Waveland was once described by a 19th Century railroad travel writer as being a "great circle of friends." Originally part of Shieldsborough (now Bay St. Louis), the city received its own charter in 1888, under which it operates today.

Waveland has long been an established summer retreat and resort for visitors from New Orleans and Natchez. The permanent population came from the descendants of the original French and Spanish explorers.

Today, the city feels the strength of growth and community development. New businesses are opening and economic and community developers are seeing an increase of interest and attraction to the city.

The current population of 5,369 is expected to increase as industries and agencies such as NASA, Naval Oceanographic offices, the Navy SEALs,

GE Plastics, Wellman, Bay Tech, and Con-Tech expand and locate.

City offices are located on Coleman Avenue in a 90-year old building originally constructed as the Waveland School.

The past two years have been extremely busy for the city. Bids were opened for the next phase of Garfield Ladner Memorial Pier, which is now virtually complete; work was completed on a new walking path that now stretches all the way to Washington Ave.; and the local American Legion Post 77 constructed and dedicat-

ed a veterans' memorial

Renovations also began at the old Waveland school on Coleman Ave., under the direction of local architect, Allison Anderson.

The city, in conjunction with the Hancock County Library Board, received the Mississippi Municipal Leagues Award of Excellence for the literacy program at the Coleman Ave. branch, at a presentation luncheon at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum during the statewide convention.

Business picked up in the city with four new busi-



The city of Waveland is constantly improving its public facilities, including the Garfield Ladner Municipal Pier. Recent renovations at the pier included several picnic shelters.

nesses on Coleman Ave, including two antique shops, a bar/restaurant and antique shop/coffee/lunch spot combination. Also welcomed into the community were 84 Lumber, DeRussy Motors, Orgerons Family Restaurant and the Asian Gardens Restaurant on Hwy. 90. A deal was also signed for a new Super Walmart to be built in the city.

Many new housing starts began with two developers beginning new subdivisions and one winning preliminary plat approval. As usual, the city saw its share of fun with total upgrades in lighting at the little league park resulting in the league having the chance to host the first district tournament in many years on its newly groomed fields.

Two organizations, the Waveland Civic Association

and the Coleman Ave. Coalition, are extremely active in the community, and regularly sponsor public activities. The WCA's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade is one of the most anticipated on the Gulf Coast; and the Coalition last year began WaveFest, an annual "beach party" for the entire community.

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This growth is evident as the population has expanded to approximately 7,500 people with nearly 150 homes being built this year. There are also several new businesses that have been established in the community this year.

Restrictive covenants

protect the community's integrity, and it is home to young families as well as retirees. The median family income, according to a recent survey, is \$56,300 plus.

Diamondhead boasts of 6,600 acres of heavily-wooded, rolling land that rises from sea level at the Bay of St. Louis to over 100 feet above sea level in several locations. This area is one of the highest points of land adjacent to salt water from Texas throughout the Gulf Coast and all the way around Florida.

Diamondhead is conveniently located on Interstate 10 at Mississippi Exit 16 and only an hours' drive from New Orleans. To the east, Gulfport is only 18 miles away and Biloxi, 25 miles.

The Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association was established to maintain all of the facilities and amenities within the community which are owned by, and are for the use of, the property owners and guests. Each property owner pays \$42 per month for each parcel owned to defer the cost of operations of the association. These dues entitle the owners to reduced fees at the clubs and recreational



Jean Selvig plays at during the national Senior Womens tennis championships, which are hosted each year at Diamondhead's own Tennis World.

facilities.

The Property Owners Association includes the following officers: Richard K. Weber, president; Bob Marshall, vice-president; Bill Taylor, treasurer; and Pat Outlaw-Robertson, secretary. The board of directors includes Al Cronvich, Mario Feola, Paul Guichet, Bob Gustin, John Hall, Frank Jerome and Benny Mistretta. James E. Ferguson is the general manager of the association.

Diamondhead prides itself on having two of the finest 18-hole championship golf courses in the Southeast: The Pines and

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The Diamondhead Airport offers a 3,500-foot lighted runway for private planes. Facilities for young people include three ball fields and four community swimming pools.

Youth organizations such as Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts are active there. Another facility is Tennis World with ten lighted clay courts, a clubhouse and full staff.

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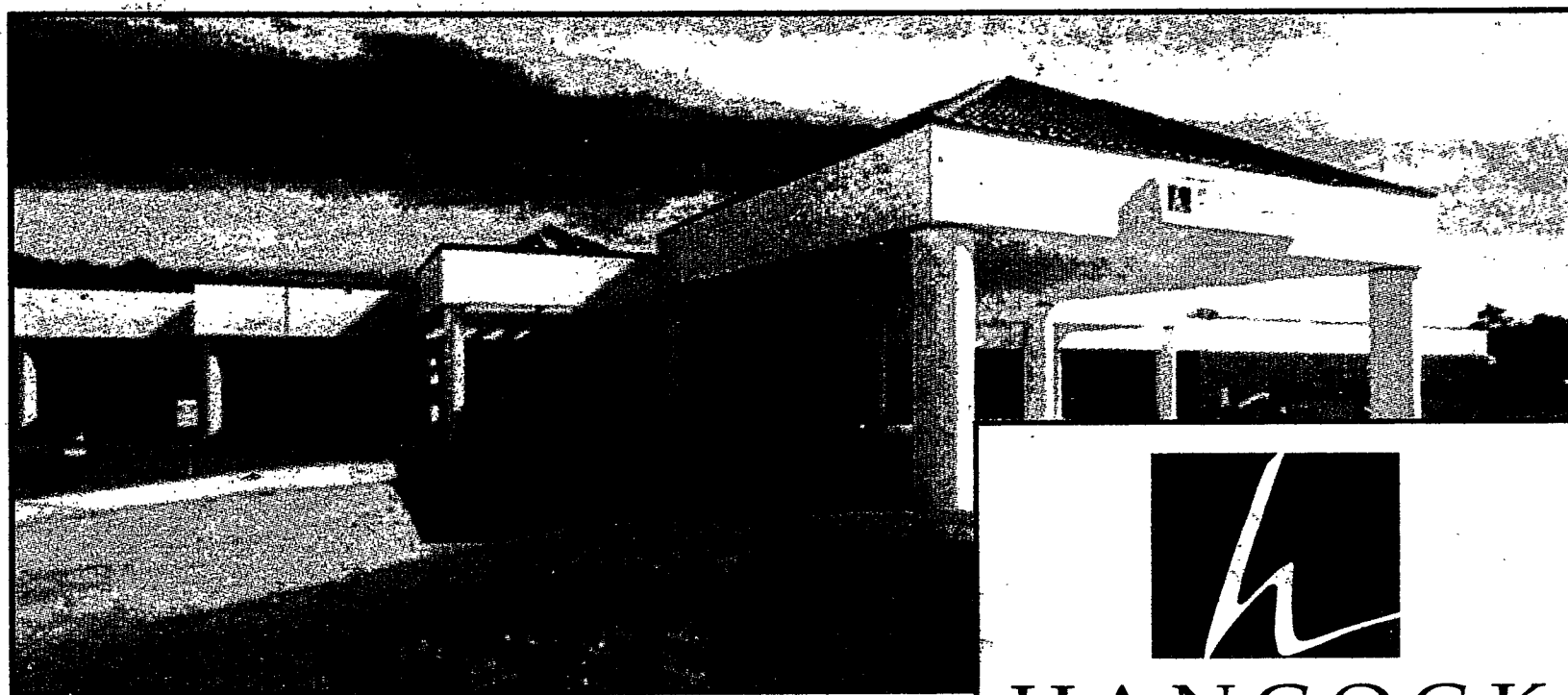
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Hancock Medical Center reaches out as community's healthcare resource

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Health care services continue to expand in scope and number in Hancock County to keep pace with the medical needs of a growing population.

Hancock Medical Center, a 104-bed acute care facility, is the community's health care resource for inpatient, outpatient and clinical care.

While the main hospital campus is located on Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis, outreach clinics serve residents in Kiln, Diamondhead and Pearlinton areas.

The community's youths are staying healthier due in part to HMC's five school clinics, where no charges are assessed to parents or to the schools for treatment.

Accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the hospital is currently implementing a facility master plan to improve access to outpatient services.

"Today's patient evaluates many factors when selecting a health care provider," said HMC Administrator Hal W. Leftwich, FACHE.

"We are fortunate to have a top-notch medical staff, but we also know that convenient access to services is an important consideration to the busy consumer."

In the first phase of renovation, the pharmacy was relocated to the third floor of the Rev. Charles R. Johnson Pavilion.

The cardiopulmonary department will move from its location near the emergency department, making way for an ambulatory emergency area.

Once assessed by a nurse, those patients with less emergent illnesses will be seen in the new ambulatory area. The goal, said Leftwich, is to reduce wait



Hancock Medical Center Respiratory Therapist Terry McQueen monitors Kiln-resident Janet Necaise during a recent cardiac rehabilitation session at the hospital's state-of-the-art facilities. Each cardiac rehabilitation program is custom-tailored to the needs of the individual patient.

ing time for the nearly 1,800 people a month utilizing the emergency room. Feedback on the program has been quite positive, he said.

Outpatient registration and testing, including lab, cardiopulmonary and some imaging services will be grouped in an area near the existing main entrance facing Drinkwater Boulevard. Updated facilities for ambulatory surgery will offer more comfortable surroundings for patients and families.

Relocation of other ancil-

lary services such as physical therapy will place the department nearer to inpatients for more expedient service.

Other support functions will be moved to the second floor of the Business and Education Complex facing the hospital.

NEW PHYSICIANS

During the past year, several physicians began practice including:

- Noel Duplantier, M.D., obstetrics & gynecology at Hancock Women's Center in Bay St. Louis;

- Pam Conley-Picnot, urologist, who joined Coast M.D., Bay St. Louis pediatrician of Magnolia Louis and Gulfport; Pediatric Clinics;
- Joseph Cottone, M.D.,

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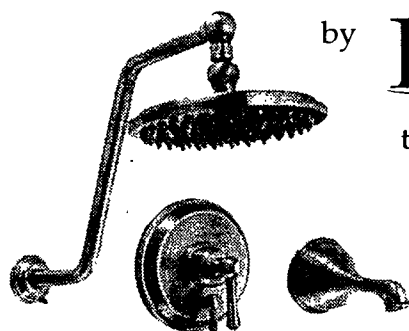
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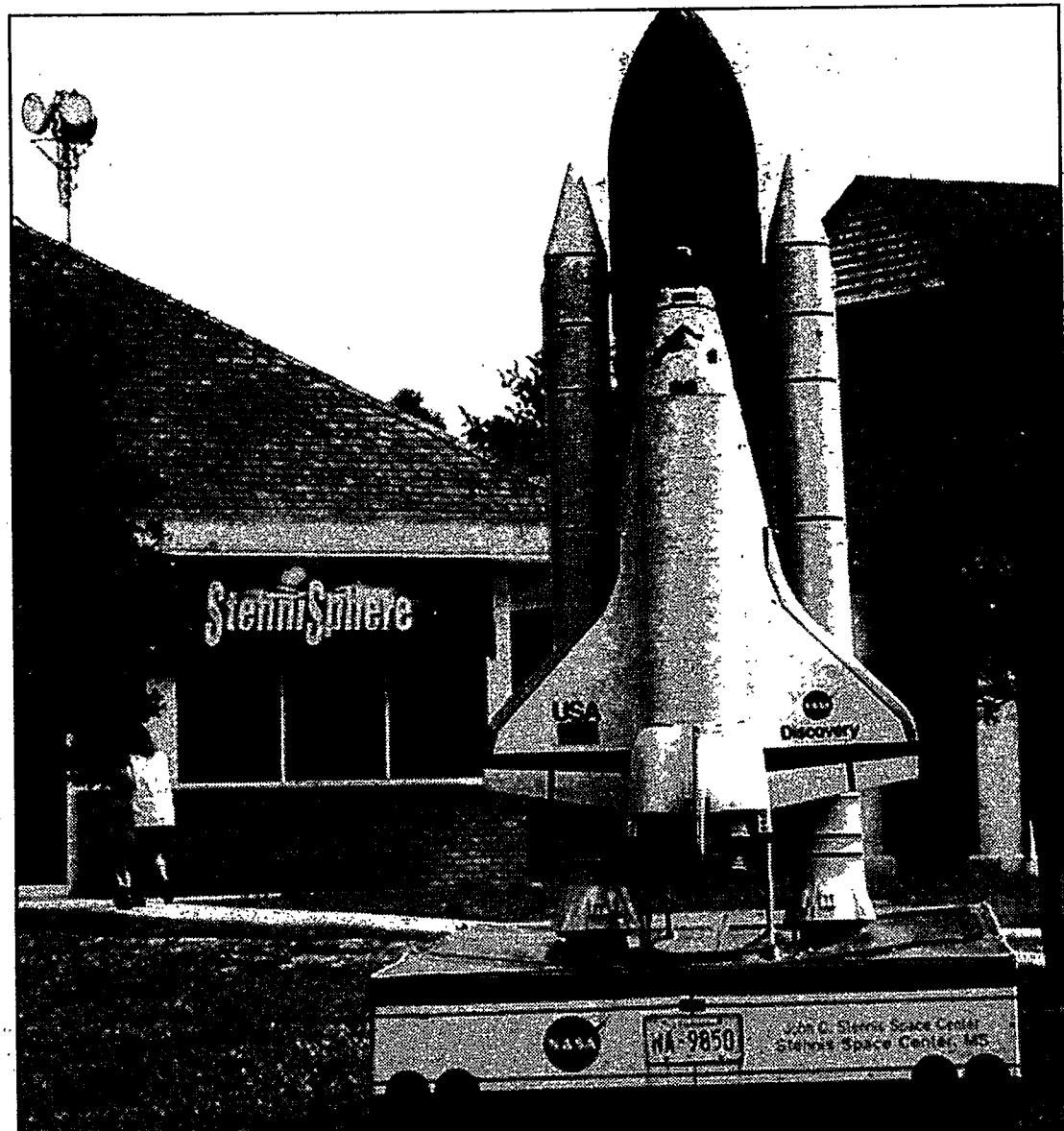
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A recent public night-test of a space shuttle engine at John C. Stennis Space Center.

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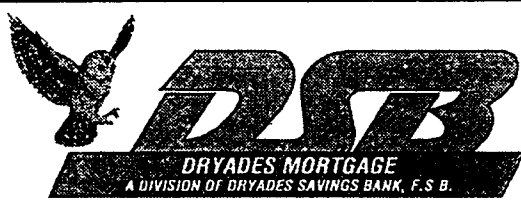


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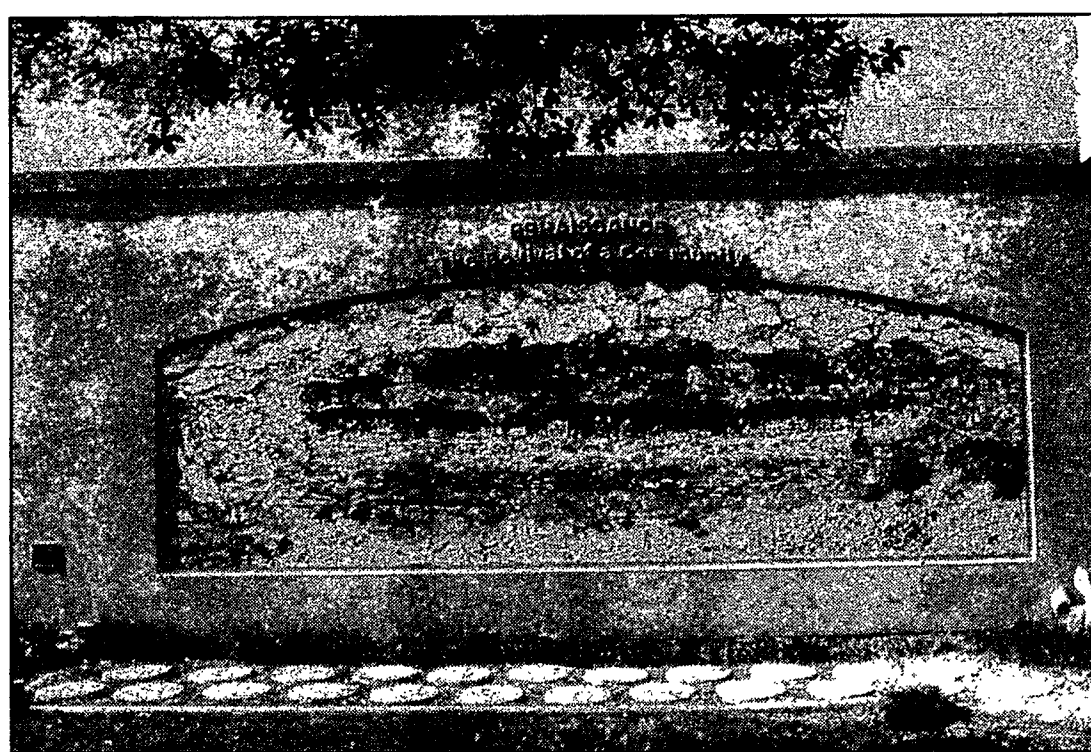
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H.C. Library system provides many services to newcomers

Newcomers to Hancock County should make the Hancock County Library System one of their first stops. A national award-winning library system, it received the Institute of Museum and Library Services' coveted National Award for Library Service in September for its innovative interaction with - and enhancement of - the community.

Besides obtaining a library card to check out books and other media, there is a myriad of informational services available to those just moving to the area.

Newcomers can obtain family accounts by picking up an application form available at any of the library system's four branches - Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, Kiln Public Library, Pearlinton Public Library or Waveland Library. The completed application form, along with the residency and identification requirements, can be presented at any of the four branches, and a card can be issued on

the day of application. Up to four cards are provided at no cost.

Other services available to newcomers include:

- More than 100,000 items including books, videos and books on tape.
- Community information, brochures, pamphlets, handouts and notices on local activities.
- Fishing rods and reels for check-out.
- Local, state and national newspapers, as well as more than 150 magazines and journals.
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- Innovative children's programs year-round, from story hours for pre-schoolers to Summer Reading programs for children through eighth grade.
- Quick, factual answers to simple reference questions by phone.

• Free Online Computer User Services (FOCUS) allows access to the information resources of MissIN (Mississippi Information Network) and the worldwide web.

• Access to the library's automated catalog via home, office or school modem with a Personal identification Number (PIN) through Dial Pac.

• Art by local artists Nadine Stamm and Robert Waldrop and featuring the marble, steel and copper sculpture of Hamilton Guenard.

• Renaissance - The Revival of a Community, located on the exterior of the building at the Ulman Ave. entrance, a mosaic mural created by more than 200 members of the community under the direction of artist Elizabeth Veglia. The mural records the history, culture and architecture of the community.

• Sponsor of the annual Holiday Tree Gala, where local businesses, schools and organizations decorate

Hancock, Bay-Waveland public school systems evolving to better serve students

BY MARGIE SCHMITT
Contributing Writer

As Hancock County's population grows, our school systems also continue to grow and improve.

There are two separate school districts that serve our county providing kindergarten, elementary and secondary education. There are also a number of privately supported nursery schools, kindergartens and parochial schools serve our area as well. Our county's two public school districts, the Hancock County School District and the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District have both kept pace with changing technology and educational methods while growing to meet the needs of an ever-increasing number of students. Providing the best quality education for their students is the top priority for both of these school systems.

Serving as superintendent for the Hancock County School District is Mike Ladner, with Eddie Danzey as assistant superintendent. For the Bay-Waveland School District, Dr. Kim Stasny is superintendent

and Chuck Benigno, the assistant superintendent. This past August, each school system opened a new state-of-the-art facility for students in grades six-through-eight: Hancock Middle School, which is located adjacent to Hancock High School; and Bay-Waveland Middle School which is located behind Bay High School (the original city district middle school facility became Second Street Elementary). Both of these new facilities, like the remainder of the schools in these districts, provide for a safe environment while promoting high academic standards.

In the Hancock County School District, students of Hancock High School are issued laptop computers to take home and to use as their personal notebooks. K-1 students are offered a computer-based instructional system designed to develop writing and reading skills. Students in grades K-2 receive Spanish language instruction and experience from a Spanish instructor for two, 30-minute periods each week. The regular classroom

teacher provides follow-up Spanish language instruction and reinforcement.

Bay-Waveland elementary teachers also have access to laptop computers and the district is working toward making every classroom computer-equipped. The school system has also begun utilizing the "lead teacher" approach to class-

room instruction. Computer labs are available to students in kindergarten through grade four in the Bay-Waveland district. These labs provide software that help the students achieve, maintain or exceed their assigned grade level. Fifth and sixth grade students have access to internet-ready computers

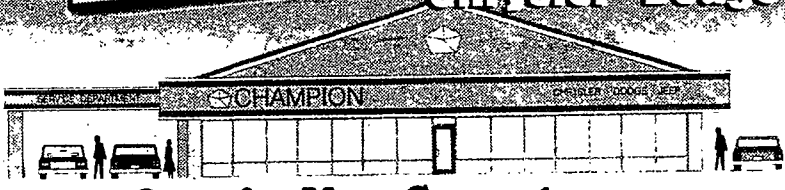
in their classrooms which allow for a variety of computer-assisted instruction programs and multi-media presentations. The academic program at Bay High School includes advanced placement courses in English, history and calculus, as well as accelerated

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Brotherhood, was established in 1922 by the Brothers of the Divine Word, from Germany.

The seminary is available for tours and retreats and is now a retirement home for those very priests and brothers that it

ordained many years ago.

On the lush grounds of the seminary stand quietly beautiful live oaks draped in Spanish moss, statues and shrines, benches that await anyone's visit, and a walk-through grotto, hand-built by the father of one of the young seminarians in the early 1900's. This young seminarian later became a retired priest at the seminary.

As a result of St. Augustine Seminary, St. Rose de Lima, African American-based Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, is one of the highlights of any tour or visit to this very special seaside community. Established in 1976, St. Rose is one of the most active parishes in the area.

On Sundays at St. Rose, at 9:30 Mass, one of the best Southern gospel choirs sing in praise of God in a most inspiring way.

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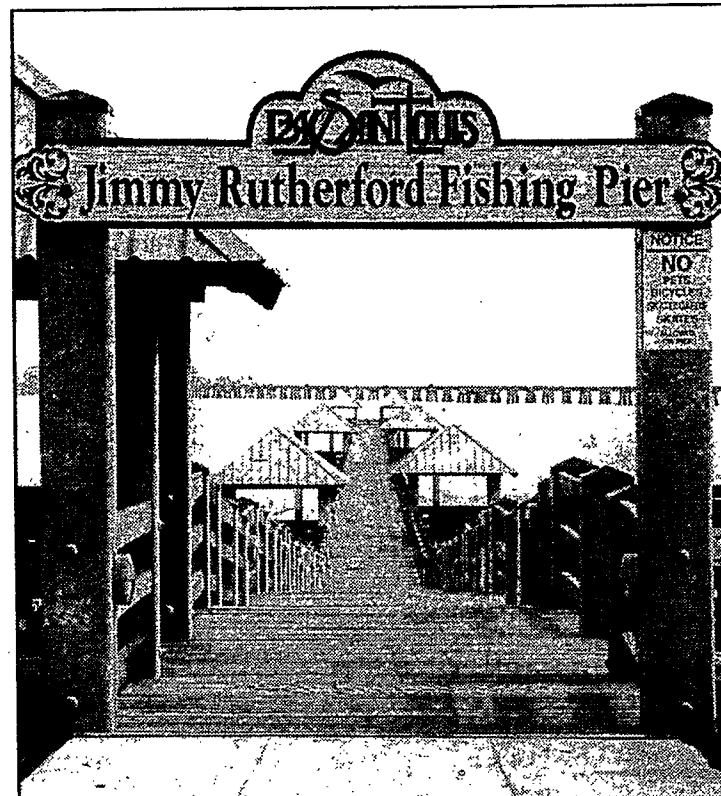
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Some important information for new residents

There is more to relocating than leaving one place and arriving in another.

Community numbers are listed below, as a guide.

Specific questions about Hancock county car tags and voter registration are also listed:

Driver's Licenses

New residents must apply for a Mississippi driver's license within 60 days after establishing residence in Mississippi.

A person with a valid out-of-state driver's license will not have to take a road test but must take a written test and an eye exam. First time drivers must also take a driving test in addition to the written and eye exams.

The Bay St. Louis office of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, located at 1007 Kiln-Waveland Cutoff Road, is open Mondays and Tuesdays only. The phone number is 467-0346.

Tags/Registration

Mississippi licenses tags must be purchased within 30 days after establishing residency. Tags can be purchased at the Hancock County Tax Collectors office, in the Annex Building on Main Street across from the Courthouse. Call for information on what you will need to bring with you to get your tags.

In Hancock County, call 467-1669 or 467-4425.

Voter Registration

To vote in city and county state or federal elections, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age on or before the election, mentally sound and not convicted of a felony.

Voters must register 30 days prior to an election in order to vote in that election.

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In the past couple of years, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and the Hancock County Water and Sewer District have

received a Gulf Guardian Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection for the Strategic Wastewater Plan for southern Hancock County.

The chamber, through partnerships with the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, secured two grants to help in the development of community gateways, as envisioned by the

Vision 2000 Leadership Committee, and with assistance from the EPA Gulf of Mexico Program, the Chamber is developing a community plan for continued rapid growth in the 21st Century. For more information about the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce or its services, please call 467-9048. The Chamber is located at 412 Hwy. 90, Suite 6 in Colonial Plaza in Bay St. Louis.

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The show, to be presented in the StenniSphere auditorium Monday through Friday at 11 a.m., promises a great time while conveying some amazing facts.

StenniSphere has wel-

comed more than 340,000 visitors since it initially opened in May 2000, and in February 2001 was the recipient of the Mississippi Tourism Bureau's Travel Attraction of the Year honor. The visitor center includes more than 14,000 square feet of interactive exhibits, which, along with the outdoor rockets, engines, buoys and aircraft reflect the history and missions of Stennis Space Center and the local area.

Added features are a motion simulator ride that takes visitors on a trip to

Mars and under the sea and a gift shop with space-related merchandise.

StenniSphere is free of charge and is open daily from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. except for Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

All tours begin at the Launch Pad at the I-10 Welcome Center in Hancock County. For information or to book group tours, call 1-800-237-1821 (Option 1) in Mississippi and Louisiana, or visit the Web site at www.ssc.nasa.gov.

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Stennis Space Center began "re-inventing govern-

ment" decades ago before the concept became popular. Over the years, SSC has evolved into a multiagency, multidisciplinary center for federal, state, academic and

private organizations engaged in space, oceans, environmental programs and the national defense.

In addition to NASA, there are 30 other agencies located at Stennis. Of approximately 4,400 employees, about 1,600 work in the fields of science and engineering.

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When looking for a place to dine, look no further than one of Casino Magic's five restaurants. Bienville's Bay Buffet offers a smorgasbord of food for breakfast, lunch and dinner. While menu items vary daily, fresh seafood is served nightly. There's a brick oven for fresh-baked breads and homemade pizzas, and even a pasta chef who will cook your choice of pasta with all of your favorite ingredients. Don't forget to try the deluxe salad and dessert bars. Desserts are baked fresh daily and are out-of-this-world delicious!

For a romantic dinner, try Tuscany, an Italian steak and seafood dinner restaurant located on the second floor of the casino. Menu features include fresh seafood and Certified Angus Beef. Reservations are recommended.

Jourdan River Grille is located between the casino and Bay Tower. Menu highlights include local dishes served in a unique manner

for breakfast, lunch and dinner. This restaurant is scheduled to open later in May and is sure to be a hit; not only for its great food, but also for its bay view.

Jackpot Java is a coffee house located in the center of all of the action in the main lobby of the casino. It is open 24 hours a day and offers quick order items for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Choose a cappuccino and cinnamon bun baked fresh by our pastry artists, or try a mouth-watering steak sandwich for a more filling snack.

And last, but certainly not least, is The Bridges Clubhouse Grill, which is located in the clubhouse at the golf course. This small, but quaint grill, offers tasty lunch specials and menu items sure to please golfers and non-golfers alike. Start with the fried onion rings or spinach dip, but save room for one of their hearty sandwiches or specialty salads.

Casino Magic is situated on 591-acres of land, some of which includes the Casino Magic RV Park. It

is one of the nicest on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. RV owners love the onsite BBQ grills and shared event pavilion. They are quick to point out that the park offers both 30 and 50 amp hook ups and welcomes pets, too. The park is within walking distance to the casino; however, there's no need to walk if you'd rather ride on the Casino Magic shuttle bus that circles the property every 15 minutes.

If you visit Casino Magic, be sure to register at the Magic Money Players Club in the main entrance. You'll receive a Magic Money Players Card to use when you play slots and table games. As you play, you earn valuable points redeemable for cash and prizes throughout the year. You may also receive special mailings about upcoming concerts, VIP parties and promotions.

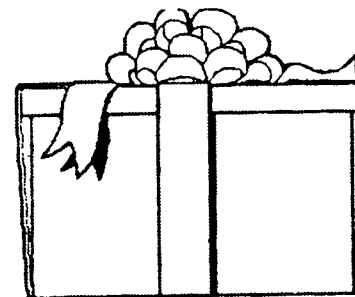
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April brings the American Cancer Society's annual Red Beans and Rice Cookoff. This year the cook-off promises to feature the best, most competitive 'bean cookers' in Hancock County. As the weather warms and the evenings still cling to some memory of coolness, the Old Town Merchants Association and the Second Saturday Artwalk Series begin their

scheduled activities.

Highlighting this season's calendar, which features exhibits, street dances and extended shopping hours, will be the annual "A Place of Art" gala, Silent Auction and Art Show. The Fourth of July couldn't be more packed with activities is tailored-made for Gulf Coast enjoyment. The fall brings on the Diamondhead Arts and Crafts Fair, the

International Food Festival and the largest street party we know -- Cruisin' the Coast. Vintage car buffs and flashbacks from the 50's linger on every corner.

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Form of government:

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Incorporated cities:

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Total population:

31,760 (1990 Census);
24,496 (1980 Census);
42,000+ (2000 Projected)

Total land area:

485 square miles.

Altitude:

Average elevation is 15
feet above sea level.

Climate:

Average temperature is
68 degrees; 350 frost-free
days.

Rainfall:

Average rainfall is 60
inches.

Churches:

Numerous churches, rep-
resenting most major
denominations.

Schools:

Hancock County School
District and Bay-Waveland
School District, along with
several parochial elemen-
tary and high schools, a
county/city sponsored adult
community education pro-
gram and college courses
offered by different institu-
tions at facilities at Bay
High School and Stennis
Space Center.

Railroads:

CSX Railroad, Amtrak
Passenger Service.

Bus lines:

Greyhound and
Trailways.

Major highways:

U.S. Highway 90,
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Highway 603, 607, 43, 53,
and 604

Medical:

Hospital - Hancock
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medical services and full
emergency facility,
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Numerous family physi-
cians, specialists, dentists,
dermatologists, an ophthal-
mologist, optometrists,
orthodontists, physical
therapists, chiropractors
and veterinarians.

Shopping centers:

Nine.

Public libraries:

County library with four
branches: Bay St. Louis,
Kiln, Pearlinton, and
Waveland.

State park:

Buccaneer State Park.

County park:

McLeod Water Park.

Industrial park:

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Park, Stennis Air Park.

Banks:

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Food

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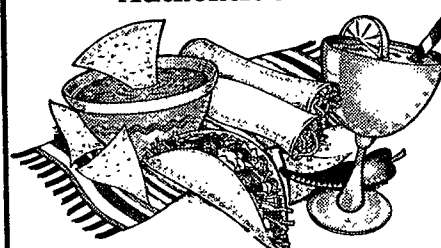
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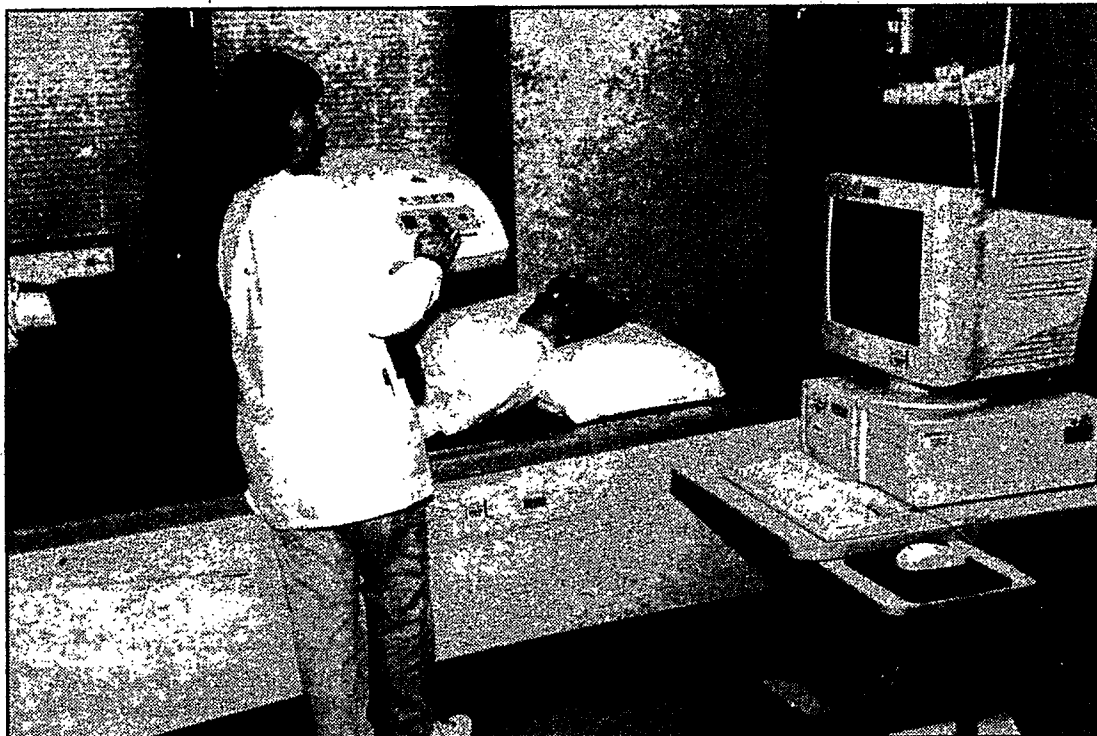
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- Wakkas Tayara, M.D., cardiologist, joined Bay St. Louis Doctors Bassam Baroudi and Antoine Rizk;
- Manoj Shah, M.D., cardiologist, joined Coast Cardiology Center with offices in Gulfport and Bay St. Louis.

Looking ahead, Bay St. Louis native and orthopedic surgeon James Thriffley, M.D. will join the hospital's active staff in late 2002.

Expansion of Hancock Medical Center's services to the Diamondhead and north Hancock County area will occur later this year, as well. New imaging services and additional physician availability are targeted. HMC's Robert H. Baxter Clinic at Port Bienville Industrial Park, which is open to plant employees and residents of the surrounding communities, will add imaging services this



Hancock Medical Center Radiologic Technician Barbara Remel runs a bone density scan on Nannette Stroh at the hospital's state-of-the-art DEXA-Scanner facility. The DEXA-Scanner is on the cutting edge of the medical industry's fight against osteoporosis and other conditions.

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NEW SERVICES

The hospital's imaging department added a DEXA bone densitometer in 2001. This equipment uses small amounts of x-ray to produce images of the spine, hip or whole body.

A computer determines how much bone mineral is present, to measure the likelihood or presence of osteoporosis for diagnosis and disease monitoring.

HMC's cardiac rehab, "Stay Fit" and outpatient respiratory care programs offer a comprehensive

approach to the treatment of cardiac and pulmonary disease.

Under the direction of respiratory and cardiopulmonary technicians and a registered nurse, patients are provided individualized treatment plans and are monitored in an outpatient setting.

"We continue to improve existing services through patient feedback, such as offering extended hours for mammography," said Leftwich.

"Our fixed-site MRI unit and new cardiac monitors for the emergency depart-

ment are examples of response to the continuing demand for state-of-the-art equipment and services.

"Our focus on individualized patient care is responsible for continued growth, according to Leftwich.

"We stress the importance of the patient, and that sets us apart from other facilities," he said.

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Library

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More information on the Hancock County Library System is available by calling 467-5282, or on the Internet at <http://www.hancock.lib.ms.us>.

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Schools -- teaching kids a better way

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courses in other academic domains. Bay High shares a vocational facility with Hancock High School which offers a wide array of curriculum offerings such as Hospitality & Tourism, Food Service Technology, Automotive Mechanics and Building & Metal Trades. The Technology Preparation Initiative at Bay High affords students the chance to enroll in discovery courses in career exploration, computer exploration and technology exploration. This initiative has a curriculum that is rich in both communication skills and academic skills.

Besides the fine public schools Hancock County has to offer, there is also an outstanding selection of private and parochial schools. Bay St. Louis is home to Bay Catholic School for students Pre-K through sixth grade; Coast Episcopal Day



Students in the Bay-Waveland and Hancock County school districts find out learning can actually be fun.

School for grade kindergarten through sixth; Our Lady Academy, an all-girls school for grades seven through twelve; and St.

Stanislaus College Preparatory, an all boys school for grades six through twelve. St. Clare Catholic Elementary at

Waveland is a fully-accredited Catholic school for boys and girls. Classes are geared for a maximum of 30 students each and offer drama, student council, precision groups, counseling services and music as extracurricular activities. A number of higher education facilities also serve the area. NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center is home of the Center for Higher Learning which offers a number of bachelor degree programs, as well as advanced programs through the cooperative efforts of the University of Southern Mississippi, State University, Pearl River Community College and the University of New Orleans.

The two public school districts have also joined with Hancock County and the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland to offer an

extensive adult community education program. With input from the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and the Tourism Development Bureau, the program offers a 10-week course in tourism, lodging and restaurant management which is designed to prepare graduates for entry-level jobs or more advance training in the industry.

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